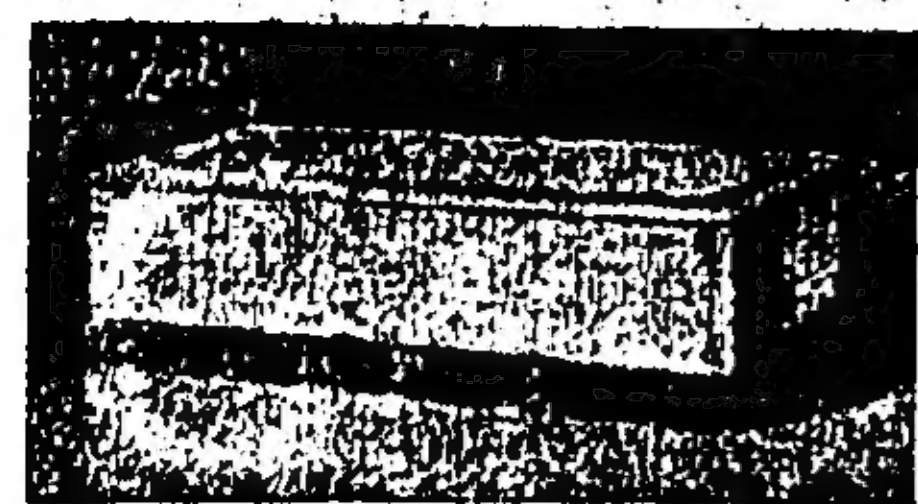


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JAPANESE ANNEXATION PLOT SUSPICIONS GROW. Ominous Interpretation of "Christmas War."



The economic depression in Germany is becoming increasingly grave. Our picture represents a study in glum expressions among unemployed at a Labour Exchange.

MR. CHURCHILL MEETS HIS "ASSAILANT."

ITALIAN DRIVER GOES TO TEA.

SMALL, SHY AND FLUSTERED.

(Reuter's Special Service).

New York, Dec. 21.
A small and shy and flustered Italian, Mario Contasino, an unemployed New York taxi-driver, was welcomed into a luxurious hotel this afternoon.

He had come to tea with Mrs. Winston Churchill and was shy and nervous by virtue of the fact, apart from other things, that he was the driver of the lorry (a temporary job) which struck Mr. Winston Churchill nine days ago.

Mario Contasino had been so constant in his enquiries regarding the progress of his distinguished victim that Mrs. Churchill, on learning that he was out of employment, offered him a substantial cheque.

The Italian, however, refused the gift, but gratefully accepted an invitation to tea.

New York, Dec. 21.
Mr. Winston Churchill has made rapid progress in recovery from the effects of his accident recently, and will be leaving hospital to-day.

Later.
A New York message states that Mr. Winston Churchill left hospital this afternoon and motored to his hotel where he will rest for several days.

NEW CONFIDENCE IN AUSTRALIA.

LONDON REACTION TO ELECTION.

London, Dec. 21.
On the London Stock Exchange to-day Australian Government Bonds advanced from one to two points all round following the news of the victory in the Commonwealth election of the United Australian Party, and the resignation of the Scullin Administration.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is nearly stationary to the N.W. of Korea.

BORSIG WORKS CLOSED.

NEARLY 3,000 MEN DISMISSED.

Berlin, Dec. 21.
Two thousand eight hundred and fifty employees were dismissed on the closing of the Borsig Works in Berlin to-day.

The management says that the workshops will probably be reopened in the middle of January. Today's discharges are due to lack of orders.

THE NEW "MISS ENGLAND."

MODEL HULLS UNDER TEST.

London, Dec. 21.
It is announced that "Miss England III," the racing motor-boat which Lord Wakefield is having built with a view to an attack on the world water speed record, held by the "Miss England II," will be constructed in the Thameside yards of Messrs. Thornycroft.

Models for the hull are under test. Like Miss England II, she will be equipped with two of the latest Rolls-Royce aero-engines. She is to be completed before the end of April.

According to present plans, Kaye Don will take her to Lake Garda for trials, which will be followed by an attempt on the record which he set up in Miss England II.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Flying Officer Arthur Bennett, R.A.F., Kai Tak Base, to Miss Jessica Beatrice Winters, No. 260, Prince Edward Road, Kowloon.

The master of the s.s. Onpa reports an abandoned motor fishing sampan drifting in position Lat. 21 deg. 20' N., Long. 116 deg. 20' E.

Bavarian Crown Jewels Sold.

Famous Blue Diamond Realises £5,600: Collectors at Christie's.

London, Dec. 21.
The Crown Jewels of Bavaria which were sent to England three weeks ago, were sold at Christie's to-day. The sale included other jewellery of considerable value, but the large attendance and the interest evinced was accounted for by the offer of the Bavarian treasures. The famous Blue Diamond, which became the property of the

KOREA PARALLEL AGAIN CITED.

OUTSPOKEN COMMENT BY LONDON JOURNAL.

AS OBVIOUS AS IT IS OMINOUS.

FOREIGN SUSPICION that the change of government in Tokyo has introduced a definite plan for the annexation of Manchuria by Japan, perhaps in league with Soviet Russia, appears to be growing.

The grave possibility is now being openly discussed, and the big scale offensive against "bandits" commenced by the Japanese forces in Manchuria in the early hours of yesterday morning, following closely upon the ultimatum to Chang Hsueh-liang, is interpreted as confirmation of the fears expressed.

It is reported that Chang Hsueh-liang offered to negotiate with the Japanese authorities direct and that his offer was refused, the Japanese declining to make a bargain enabling Chang to return to Mukden and "his bad old ways."

SOVIET OFFERS PART OF C. E. R. FOR SALE.

Another report states that Soviet Russia has offered to sell the Chinese Eastern Railway from Changchun to Harbin to the South Manchuria Railway, and in this connexion the allegation of the Daily Telegraph's diplomatic correspondent that a positive agreement has been reached between Russia and Japan for division of the Manchuria spoils, is recalled.

According to the Daily Telegraph's correspondent, Moscow intends that its tenancy of the Chinese area through which the Chinese Eastern Railway runs will become a veritable occupation such as Japan is about to establish in South Manchuria.

OUTSPOKEN LONDON CRITICISM.

This morning's News-Chronicle, published in London, contains a strikingly outspoken leading article on the situation as revealed by the developments of the past few days, including the allegation that General Minami, Minister of War in the Wakatsuki Cabinet, is to become first Japanese Governor-General of Manchuria.

The sword will have decided before the pen is even dipped in the ink, says the News-Chronicle, according to Reuter.

The article is headed "Japan's Christmas War" and it comments upon the probable facts likely to be faced by the League's Commission of Enquiry when it reaches Manchuria—in February probably.

The journal goes on to parallel the Japanese offensive against "bandits" commenced yesterday, with the occupation of Korea, and expresses the opinion that the movement is as obvious as it is ominous.

DR. WELLINGTON KOO'S APPEALS TO U. S. A.

After commenting that nothing is more unlikely than a Chinese offensive, the newspaper adds that no intelligent Japanese can read Dr. Wellington Koo's appeals to the United States without realising the effect it is bound to produce upon a public which has never been too well disposed towards Japan.

The defiance of world opinion has rarely paid in the long run, but that is sorry consolation for a crime which has struck as disastrous blow at the hope for a saner and more peaceful world.

POWERS OF BURMA GOVERNOR.

CONFERENCE DRAWS TO AN END.

London, Dec. 21.
The Burma Round Table Conference considered the Governor's powers and questions of finance at to-day's meeting. It is anticipated that the general discussion will be completed to-morrow. The draft report, embodying the whole of the discussion, will be prepared for the signature of the participants, who, on assembling on 24th January, will discuss it at a plenary session. The Conference will probably end a few days later.



Mr. J. H. Thomas taking an active part in the "Buy British" campaign.

Buy British Campaign.

PLANS FOR THE B.I. FAIR.

London, Dec. 21.
The British Industries Fair, scheduled for February next, promises to be the most successful ever held.

The indications are that a record number of buyers are coming from all over the world and that last year's attendance of nearly 7,000 will be largely exceeded.

In addition to the Heavy Industries Section at Birmingham, and the main London section at Olympia, where exhibits of British goods in the greatest variety will occupy some three hundred thousand square feet, an important feature this year will be a special Textile Section at the White City, where the original allocation of space has had to be increased in the last few weeks to meet the demands from all sections of the textile industries.

Travel Concessions.

Many travel concessions to buyers attending the Fair have already been announced. The Foreign Office will grant free visas valid for three months. The English railways are issuing special return tickets at a fare and a third from continental ports, and among the foreign systems offering special terms to buyers on their way to the Fair are the German State Railways, the Turkish Railway and Swedish and Finnish Shipping Companies.

PRINCESS MARY'S LONDON HOME.

Princess Mary and the Earl of Harewood to sell their famous Mayfair residence, Chesterfield House.

TO COME UNDER THE HAMMER.

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Dec. 22.
Pressure of taxation has caused Princess Mary and the Earl of Harewood to sell their famous Mayfair residence, Chesterfield House.

The family has now moved to the Earl's country seat and Chesterfield House will shortly come under the auctioneer's hammer.

BASEL EXPERTS' REPORT.

EXPECTED TO-NIGHT OR TO-MORROW.

London, Dec. 21.
According to a press telegram from Basel, when the advisory committee under the Young Plan met to-day, a proposal to adjourn till December 28th was defeated. A plenary meeting will be held at noon to-morrow and it is hoped that the Committee's report will be ready for signature by Tuesday evening of Wednesday morning.

LEAGUE'S ENQUIRY COMMISSION.

LORD LYTTON NAMED AS PROBABLE CHAIRMAN.

Reuter's Geneva correspondent states that the League Commission of Enquiry into the Manchuria dispute will consist of

Lord Lytton (Great Britain), President.
General Claudel (France),
Dr. Schnee (Germany),
Count Aldovrandi (Italy),
Mr. Walker Hines (U.S.A.).

The Commission will probably leave for the Far East, where the inquiry is to be held, at the end of January.

PERSONAL NOT YET DEFINITE.

Paris, Dec. 21.
Reuter's Paris correspondent learns that the Geneva forecast of the Manchuria Commission of Enquiry must still be regarded as premature, because while several of the persons mentioned in the message have been approached, all of them have not yet assented to take up the investigation on behalf of the League.

Consequently, the names have not yet been submitted to the Chinese or Japanese Governments, whose concurrence will be sought before the Commission is regularly constituted.

In any case, the Commission is not likely to leave for Manchuria until the end of January.

Seasoned League Investigator.

Mr. Walker Hines is regarded as a very probable selection. He was the League of Nations arbitrator under the Peace Treaties on the questions of River Shipping, and was Director of American Railways in France during the war.

He later investigated, on behalf of the League, the navigation of the Rhine and the Danube. He is a prominent railway magnate in the United States, although he began life as a lawyer and is a member of the Bar Association of New York.

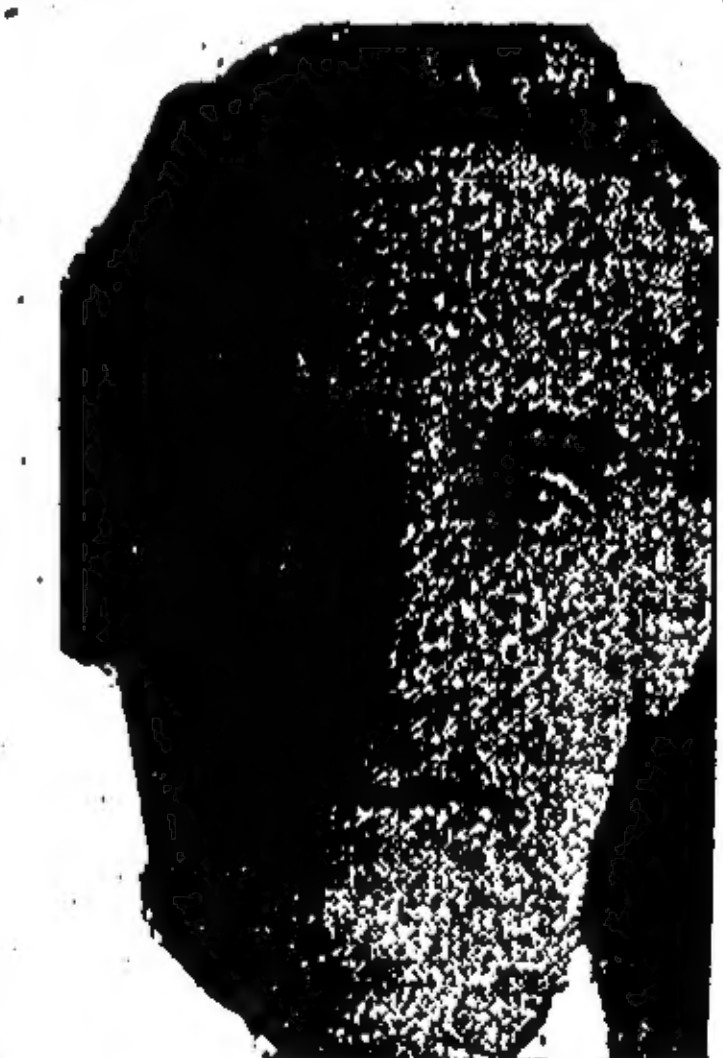
Earl of Lytton.

The Earl of Lytton, probable chairman of the Commission of Enquiry, has had a long connexion with India since the war. Under-Secretary of State for India from 1920 to 1922, he spent the next five years as Governor of Bengal, and at one time during his term of office, for a period of a few

months, was Viceroy and acting Governor-General of India. He has led the Indian delegation to the League of Nations on numerous occasions. He had important business connexions in London, being particularly interested in suburban garden estates. He was born at Simla in 1876.

Diplomatic Sensation Recalled.

Count Aldovrandi will be best remembered for his connexion with the diplomatic sensation of 1929 when, three years after his appointment as Italian Ambassador in Berlin, he was suddenly recalled by Signor Mussolini, with the entire Embassy staff, following the mysterious disappearance of the key to the secret code of the Diplomatic Service. Before the war he acted as Secretary to the international commission which met to adjust the financial and economic problems which had arisen out of the changes in the Balkans. He represented Italy



The Earl of Lytton, who will probably head the League's Manchuria Commission of Enquiry.

on the Allied Supreme Council after the war.

The German Member.

Dr. Heinrich Schnee was the last Governor of German East Africa. Nominally under his command, but actually under the leadership of Gen. von Lettow-Vorbeck, the German flag was kept flying during the war longer than in any other Colony. It was not until November 25, 1918, a fortnight after Germany had signed the Armistice that Schnee and Lettow-Vorbeck and their troops laid down their arms at Abercorn in Rhodesia. He was selected to the Reichstag in May, 1924, as a member of the People's Party. He has written much on colonial matters.

Japanese Coadjutor.

It is learned that Mr. Yoshida, the Japanese Ambassador in Turkey, will be appointed Japanese coadjutor to the Commission. It is expected that he will pay a visit to Tokyo to consult with various Japanese officials, leaving for the Far East immediately thereafter.

Southern Star Crashes.

Kingsford Smith Flight Off.

BADLY DAMAGED.

London, Dec. 21.
Air-Commodore Kingsford Smith's flight from England to Australia with the New Year mails will not be possible, unless a new machine is placed at the famous airman's disposal. His monoplane "Southern Star," which brought the Christmas mails to England and was to have left for Australia to-morrow, crashed into some trees when it made a forced landing on its way from Hamble to Croydon.

Kingsford Smith was not in the machine at the time of the mishap. The pilot and two passengers all escaped uninjured.

The propeller was smashed and the under-carriage was badly damaged as a result of the crash.

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KUOMINTANG CONDEMNED.

MADAME SUN SCOURGES
THE MILITARISTS.

PEASANTS IGNORED.

Shanghai, Dec. 21.

Madame Sun Yat-sen, the Kuomintang woman radical leader and wife of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, has issued a significant statement denouncing the self-seeking Kuomintang officials on the whole and the unscrupulous militarists in particular for monopolizing all the powers within the Kuomintang Government.

Madame Sun Yat-sen's statement was issued in connexion with the strong rumours that the Nanking Government had instructed the Military Command to order the immediate execution of General Teng Yen-ta, the Communist leader for whose release Madame Sun Yat-sen had made a petition to the Nanking authorities.

The statement says: "There is not the least doubt that the Kuomintang officials in power have made use of the anti-Communist war in the country to persecute their personal enemies, which is an anti-revolutionary movement in truth and which the order for execution of General Teng Yen-ta demonstrates."

"For three months the leaders of the North and South have assembled to find means of settling their political squabbles. During this long period the discussions were devoted to empty talk on the election of the commissioners of the Executive and Supervisory Committees and the elections to the higher posts. A better example to show that what the leaders want is power and post cannot be found, and while these discussions were proceeding Manchuria was facing imminent occupation by a neighbouring power."

Protection of Labour.

"While the two governments' announced policies concerning the creation of a democratic government and popular election movements are ideal in the extreme, it is doubtful if the two governments can free themselves entirely from militaristic influence. The militaristic influence within the Government must first of all be removed."

"During these three months' negotiations for the settlement of national problems not a single word was uttered by the leaders for the protection of the labour and peasants' popular movement, despite the fact that the Kuomintang principles demand that the labour and peasants' interest must be upheld at any cost as the centre of activities of the Kuomintang programme. Upon this will depend the fundamental economic strength of the country, which is the sole solution to the poverty of China and the unification of this military controlled country."

"If the leaders are going to ignore this principle and proceed to solve the Party dispute by any other means, the whole thing is a show and what I would call an attempt to divide the spoils after a wholesale commitment of crimes. The Kuomintang leaders have rebelled against the Kuomintang and the few self-seeking militarists must assume full responsibility for the destruction of the Kuomintang ideals and integrity."

The second part of her declaration is a severe condemnation of the administration in Nanking since Chiang Kai-shek assumed complete control of the Nationalist armies, and Madame Sun Yat-sen says that from then onwards it could be said that the Kuomintang had lost its leadership and trust of the people. Chiang Kai-shek has dared to enforce a policy which even the self-seeking former Peking Govern-



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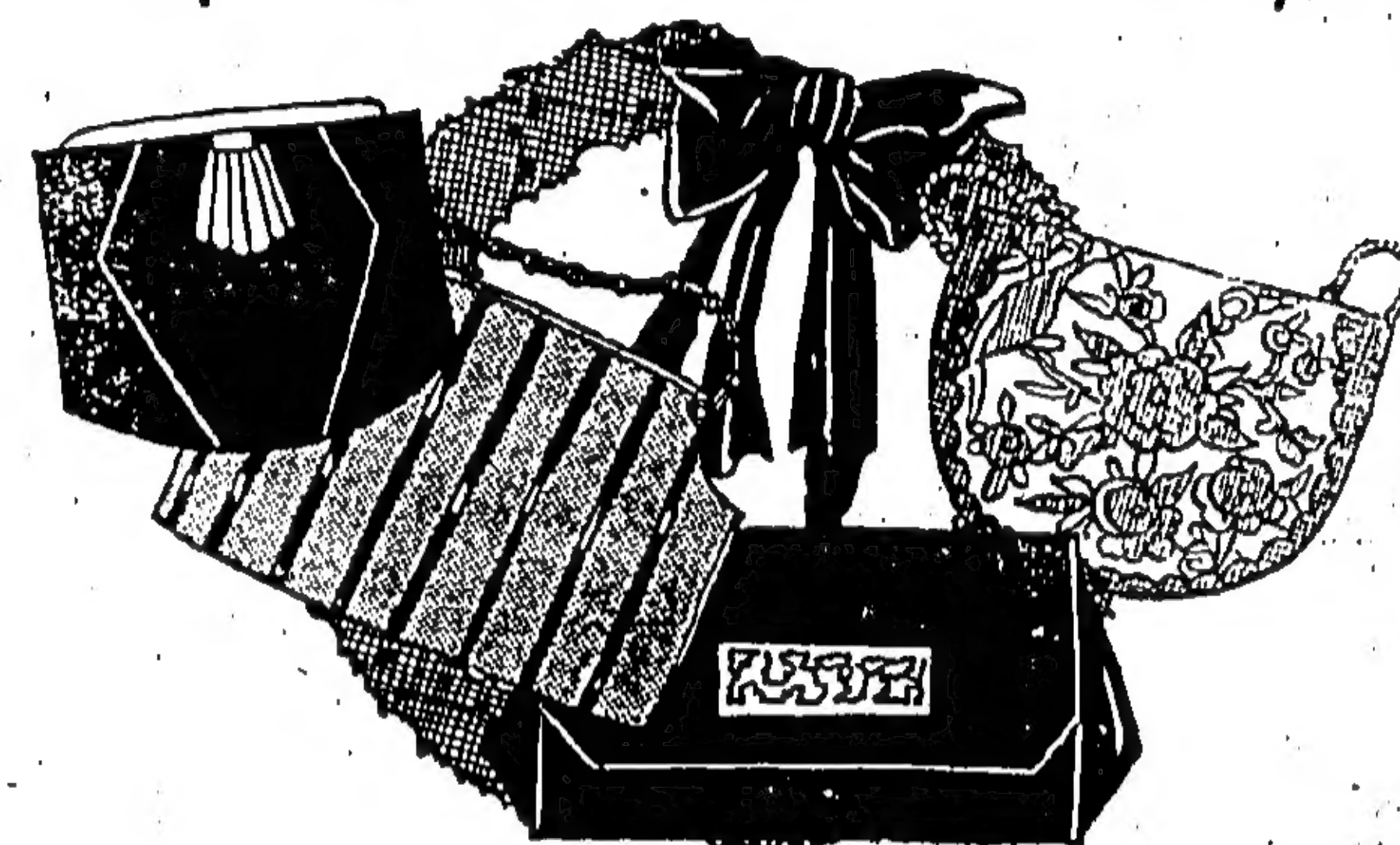
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Madame Sun concludes by inviting her supporters to continue the social movement in China.

T. V. Soong Resigns.

Nanking, Dec. 21.

Chinese sources state that Mr. T. V. Soong, brother-in-law of Chiang Kai-shek, has resigned from the Finance Ministry, although he will retain his posts in other leading Kuomintang and Government Committees.

At the same time Mr. H. H. Kung, the Minister of Industry and who is also related to Chiang Kai-shek on account of his marriage to Madame Chiang Kai-shek's eldest sister, is reported to have resigned.

Canton Remains Stubborn.

Canton, Dec. 21.

General Chan Chal-tong and his Divisional Commanders and the Kwangsi Generals assembled this morning at Government House for a conference, and decided to send a telegram to the Nanking Government and the Cantonese peace envoys in Shanghai protesting against the suggestion to reject Chiang Kai-shek as Chairman of the National Defence Commission, stating that this will lead to a perpetuation of Chiang Kai-shek's dictatorial regime in the capital—Rensha.

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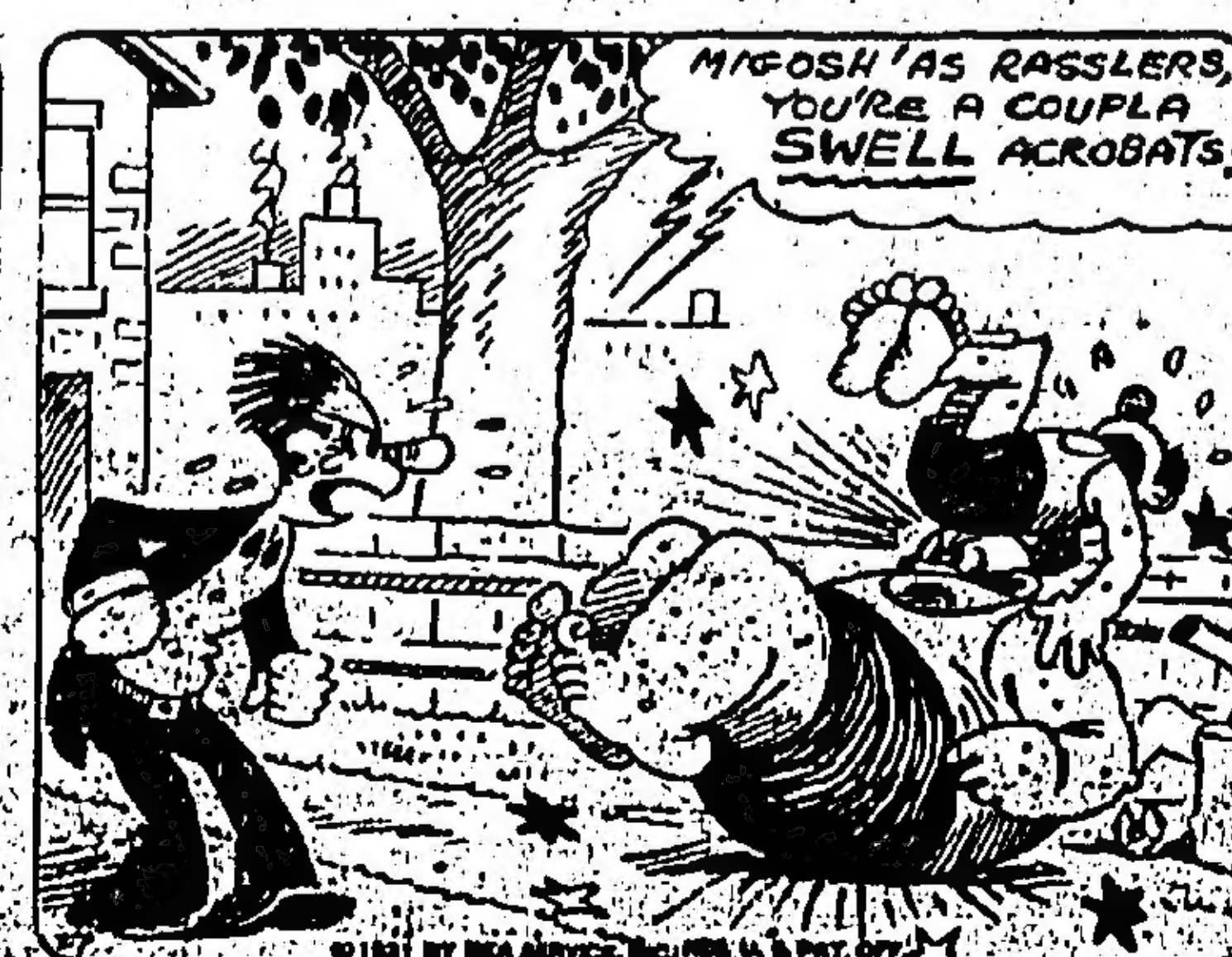


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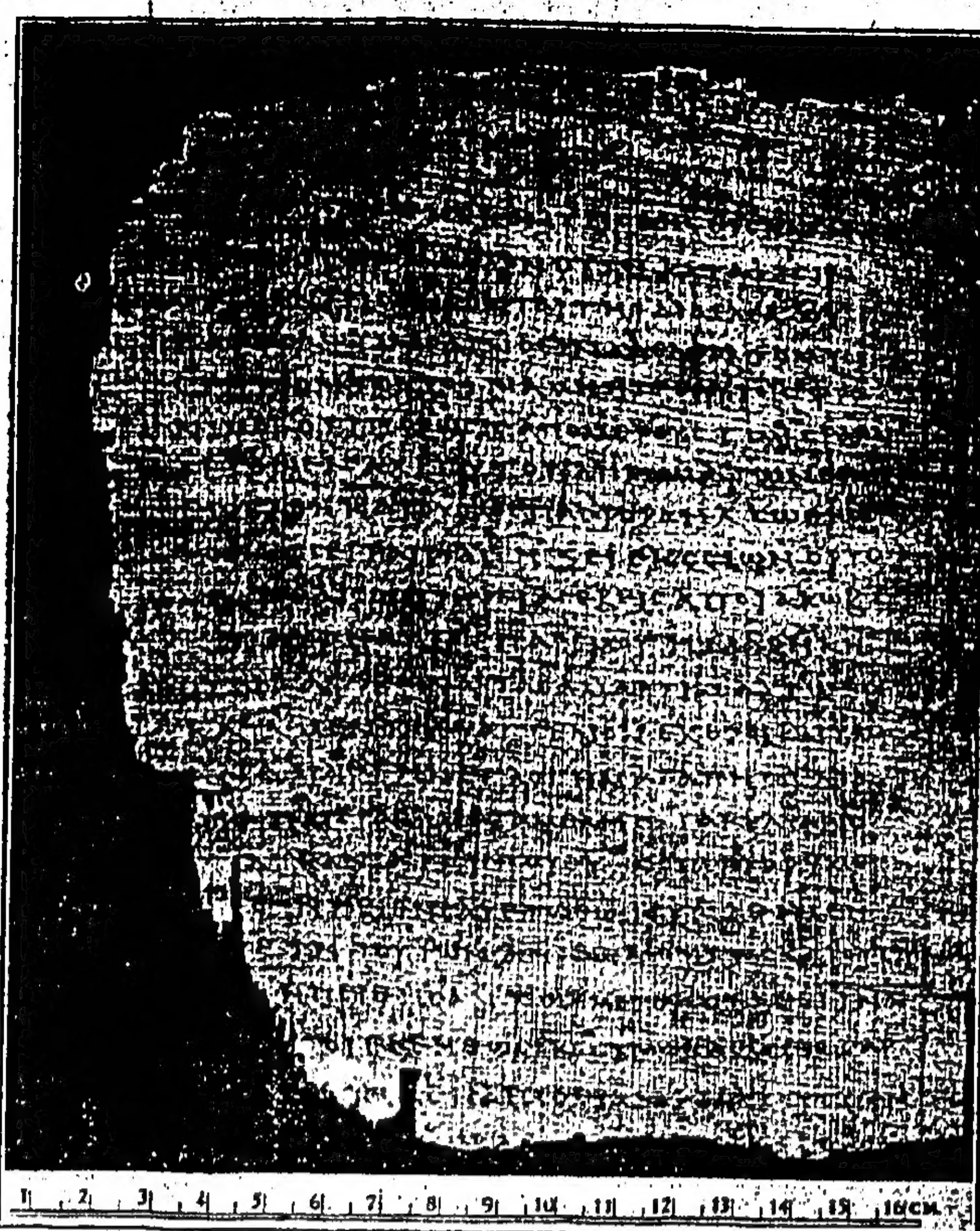
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MEET OF THE BEAUFORT: BIBLE TEXT FIND: SCHOOLBOY RUGGER.



The Duke of Beaufort's Hunt met at Cherington, and our picture, taken by a staff photographer of *The Times*, shows hounds moving from the village to draw Cherington Woods. The Duke of Beaufort, joint Master, who hunts the pack on certain days, is seen on the right.



Our picture shows a leaf of the papyrus referred to by Sir Frederick Kenyon as providing a "most remarkable addition to the textual material of the Greek Bible". It contains a part of the Romans, Chapter II, Verses 24 and following verses. It is the property of Mr. Chester Beatty who has loaned it to the British Museum.—(Times copyright).

Gems of Peril

BEGIN HERE TODAY.

Rich old Mrs. Jupiter is robbed and murdered during the engagement party she gives for her secretary, Mary Harkness. Mary's acquaintance brother, Eddie, is supposed to have been upstairs at the murder hour. Only Mary knows this.

Mary's fiance, Dirk Ruyters, advises her to keep still about having arranged to admit Eddie secretly until he can locate the boy. Mary promises a maid from telling flowers of the story about the unknown visitor. Dirk telephone that he has had a call from Eddie and will take Mary to see him that afternoon.

Dirk oversteps and Bowen drives Mary to the rendezvous. Eddie is killed by a car as he crosses the street. He mumbles about a fly before he dies. Weeks pass and Inspector Kane drops the case, believing Eddie the murderer. When Mary protests, Kane tells her both Mr. Jupiter and Dirk believe the same.

CHAPTER XI.

Before the disclosure that not only Inspector Kane, but old Mr. Jupiter himself, and even Dirk, believed her brother had robbed and murdered Mrs. Jupiter, Mary sat stunned.

"Even if that were true, as you say," she got out presently, "there still remains the question—who killed Eddie?"

Kane lifted exasperated eyebrows.

"But you saw the car that killed him," he said, as if dealing with an unreasonable child. "Just another of these hit-and-run drivers. It's murder, of course. But nine out of 10 of them aren't caught. It's too bad. But if you look at it another way, it's mercy."

"You can sit there and say that!" Amazement and desperation made her bold.

"But what do you want the matter stirred up for?" Kane was getting wrought up. "You ought to be glad it's finished. Your brother's better off where he is than if he'd lived, to take the rap. You'd rather see him killed accidentally than live to go to the electric chair, wouldn't you. Believe me, he's lucky."

"Electric chair?" The grey eyes blazed scorn at him. "You don't mean that. And Eddie wasn't killed accidentally. You know better than that, too. You can get eyewitness testimony of a dozen people."

"Eye-witness testimony isn't worth a damn," said Inspector Kane with finality. "People don't know what they see. If one says it, they all say it. They want to get in on the excitement, that's all."

"But Mr. Bowen and I both saw. We're not just people."

Kane laid a pencil down with a decisive rap.

"You're 'hypped' on the idea that somebody was after that brother of yours. And George Bowen is a reporter for a sensational newspaper. He'd see anything that would give him a big story."

Mary shook her head. She was not much older herself than the "baby brother" she was finding excuses for, but she had grown up swiftly in those recent weeks. She had lost faith in many things that had once been part and parcel of her childhood's creed.

The injustice of it went through her like slow poison, distilling black hatred for all these stupid people who did not care what cloud begimed her brother's name, or her own, no long as things were "hushed up" and forgotten. Now

she understood that the search for Eddie's murderer had been fruitless because there had been no search, except of the most cursory sort.

"Let the matter drop," Well, she who was most directly concerned was not satisfied to let the matter drop, and never would be while the mystery of Eddie's "accident" remained to plague her mind with harrowing suspicions.

New dignity sat on the girl's slim shoulders as she faced the police inspector and her voice was calm and determined.

"No, you're wrong. You can't dismiss us as lightly as that. I may be an imaginative woman, and a relative, but Mr. Bowen is neither. And he seems to be the only person besides myself who cares what happened to Eddie. Even Dirk, my fiance," she stumbled on the loved name, "has changed lately. He doesn't want to talk about the case. I don't know why, unless—"

But she decided to keep her personal affairs to herself. She drew up sharply.

"I do know that Eddie was killed, deliberately. Mightn't it have been the other fellow, the one he owed money to? Why hasn't anyone found him? He's the one who's really to blame!"

"What do you know about the other fellow?" Kane asked suspiciously.

"The same as you do. That if Eddie did it—and I don't believe it for a minute—he was made to do it by the man he owed money to."

Kane smiled tolerantly. "I wouldn't say that, Miss Harkness. That's only a theory. You've nothing to back it up."

"Haven't I? Then I'll find something. I'm going to prove that Eddie had no part in that crime if it's the last thing I ever do."

Her small flat bent the table by way of emphasis.

Kane pursed his lips.

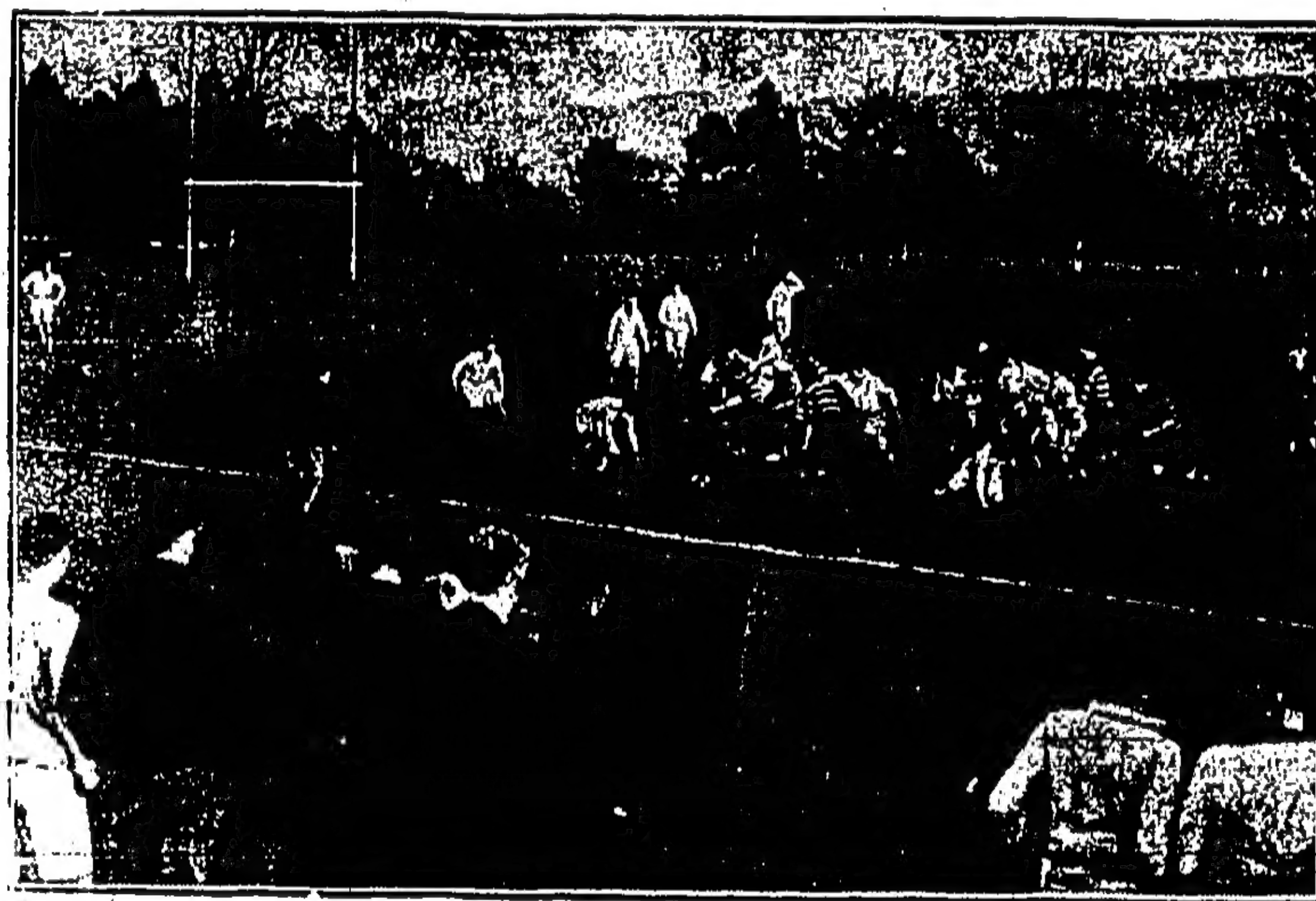
"As you please, Miss Harkness," he said, "but I think you're making a big mistake. You're a very lucky girl." Mary moved impatiently, but he fixed her with an earnest eye and continued. "You're no relation to the Jupiters, are you?" he asked abruptly.

"Why no," Mary replied in surprise.

Kane nodded his head sagely. "Well, for an outsider, you're sitting in the lap of Luck, if you only knew it. Those two old people set great store by you, and I understand one of the last acts of that old lady's life was to ask her lawyer to draw up adoption papers for you. That son of theirs turned out wild, and you're all they had."

What the old man will do now his wife's gone, is a question. But the way I got it, he don't believe you had a thing to do with it—thinks it was all your brother's doing."

"He wants to do the best he can by you. He knows those in-laws—be of yours, the Ruyters, and what stiff-necks they are. He knows too much scandal right now could blow your romance higher



Marlborough beat Clifton at Marlborough by 12 points to nothing. The first half of the game was evenly contested with no score, but after this Marlborough gradually got the upper hand. Our picture shows the break up of a scrum in mid-field. Clifton are in white.—(Times copyright).

than a kite. Now, why don't you let it pass. Your brother got a bad break, going and coming, but don't let that spoil your life."

The storm of resentment that had racked Mary during Kane's revelations had left her more calmly purposeful than she had ever been in her life. With icy hands she took out her powder compact, and carefully dusted her nose, set her hat at the correct angle, snapped her purse shut, put on her gloves and stood up.

"Thank you for all you have done, Inspector," she told him with a chilly little smile, and went out quickly.

Her abrupt departure left Inspector James Kane considerably nonplused.

The hauteur Mary had donned for his crushing departed as soon as she left the police officer's presence, however. As she went down the stairs to the street floor her spirits dropped rapidly.

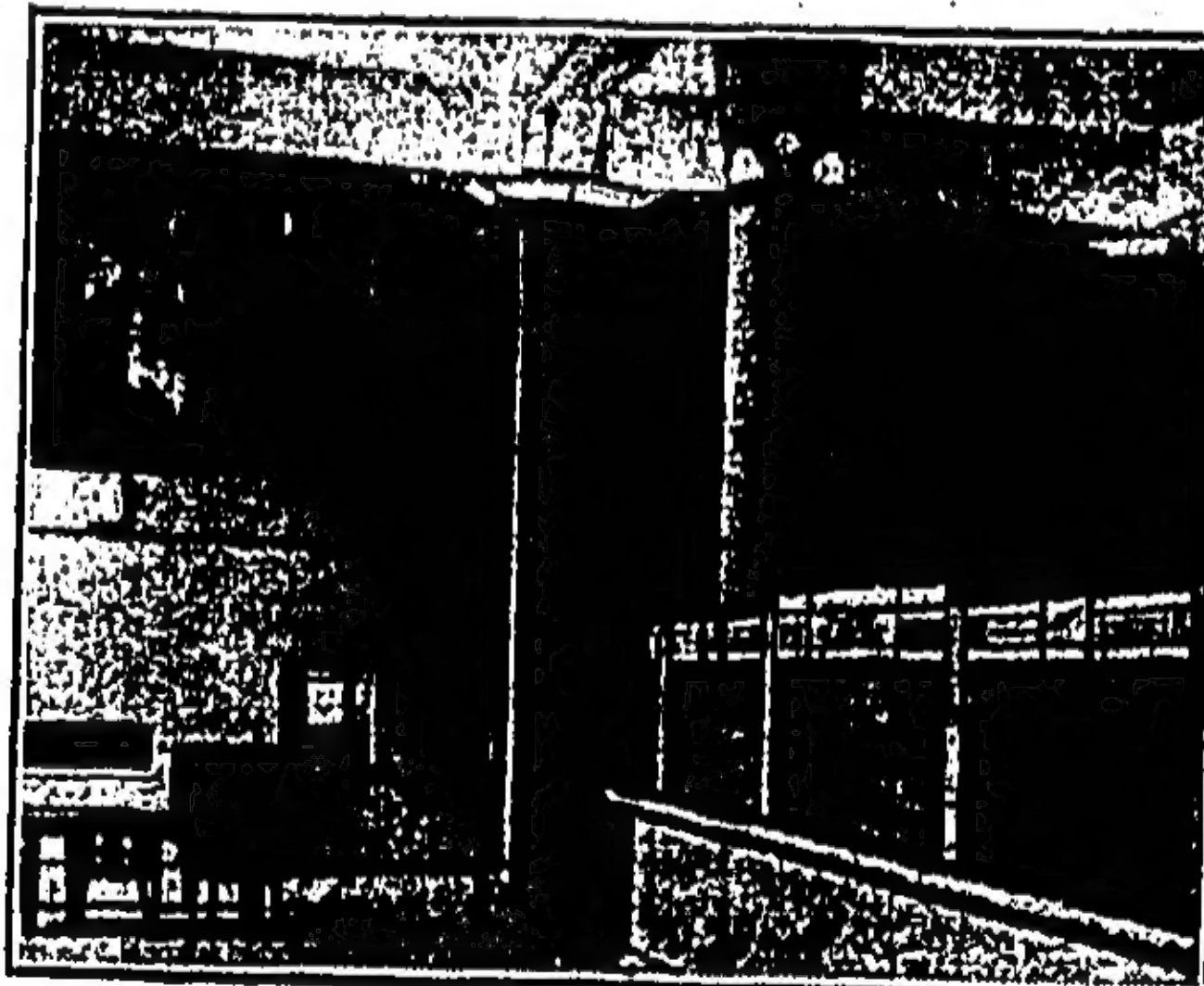
"Well, well! Little children of the storm," observed a familiar voice. It was the reporter, Bowen. "Say, I've been looking everywhere for you. Got one or two little matters I'd like to talk over with you. You wouldn't have lunch with me, would you?"

"I don't feel much like it, thanks," Mary answered indifferently.

"We could get a cab and go up town," he offered, "or we could drop in next door—if you don't mind eating in an abandoned saloon." Then as her face did not clear, "I'll perk you up. Better come!" His antics were irresistibly silly; Mary laughed and agreed.

The rain was coming down in sheets.

"Got an umbrella? Wait a minute," Bowen turned back and Mary heard his inquiring bellow echoing through the judicial corridors. "Hey! Anybody got an umbrella?" He came back quickly with a top-coat over his arm. "No



Our picture illustrates the mural decoration and modern lighting in the new post office in the Rue de la Rosette, Paris, which was inaugurated recently.—(Times copyright).

luck," he reported, "but maybe this'll do." He covered her with it, hat and all, turned up his own coat collar, and they ventured forth. Several sprightly leaps landed them breathless and laughing in the dingy entry of a small one-time saloon, from which the smell of hot food poured like steam. It was dark inside and the creature in greasy black, stared at his pretty visitor as if a woman's presence in the place were rare indeed.

When they had ordered and sent him away, Bowen apologized.

"This is an awful dump, but it's a good place to talk. Take your things off?" He took their wet coats, the one he had loaned her and his own, and hung them to dry over the back of the two vacant chairs at their table. Then he looked about cautiously. The place was empty except for two men who rose to depart, toothpicks in mouth.

"Dicks," Bowen explained, "They are getting out." Mary

kept her eyes on her plate to avoid their bold, admiring glances. After they had gone out, Bowen preened himself extravagantly. "Hmmm!" said he, "guess my rating with those birds is up 100 per cent! They'd give their gold teeth to know who you are."

He wagged his eyebrows archly and settled his tie with a flourish. (Continued on Page 15.)

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THESE "MODERN" HUSBANDS.

[By a Wife.]

The husband of a modern wife should not place all wives in the same class, or judge all women by the actions of his own wife. There are many women who crave for home life who would willingly give up all the glitter and make-believe of temporary happiness gained by dancing, theatre-going, dining out, and the everlasting rush, &c., in exchange for a good husband, a real "home"—not a house—and children.

The following is my own case:—I married a dashing and fascinating hero, who continuously wanted to live in the glare of publicity, an evening meal at home had no appeal. Every night he must have something to do; it was no use saying we could not afford it; no, that did not matter.

He wanted me to dress always in the height of fashion, which we also could not afford, and when I refused he left me to make the best of things with a young child.

Nevertheless, I am happier today working for my child and living honestly than I ever was with my modern husband, and my child is my greatest joy. I have no bad feelings towards my husband. His conduct was the result of extravagant upbringing; all his life he had got exactly what he wanted, and he never will, I am afraid, learn to do without things which he cannot afford.

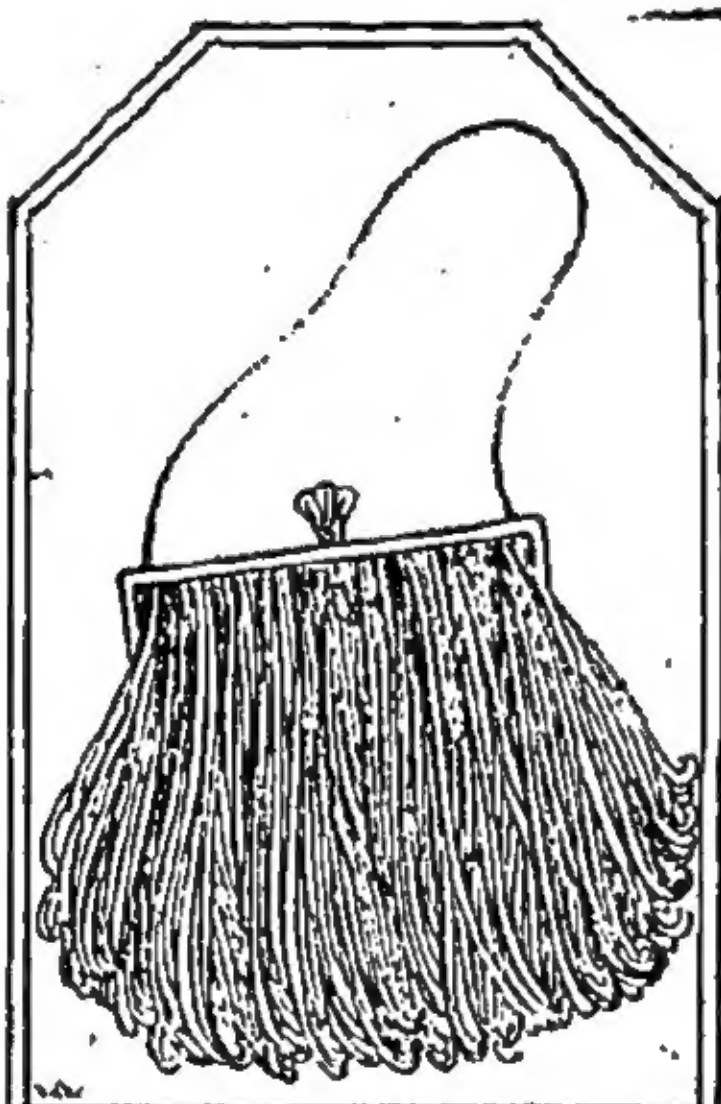
Unfortunately there are too many men and women of this type to-day, but there are, most certainly, many good men and women also.

No I do not think the idea of love in a cottage has lost its glamour. A home no matter how small, breathing forth love and contentment is greater far than all that gold can buy.

NOTEPAPER BOXES.

New cases for containing notepaper are always being devised, and some of the latest designs are most attractive. A box made in the shape of a large book, and covered with tulle, provides a novel box for paper in shades of variegated, green or blue; another box in the shape of a flat handbag is painted to represent leather.

The Latest.



The luxurious new season calls for more elaborate evening bags. This one, of white velvet with a gold and crystal clasp, is covered with flees of white ostrich.

SUBDUED ELEGANCE.



[By Joan Savoy.]

Proceeding on the theory that an ill wind must blow some good, this era of the hear market has introduced a new genus of semi-formal gown, called "Pin du jour" in Parisian phraseology, that is charming.

This inspiration of 1931 permits a lady distinctive glamour without embarrassing an escort who has dodged the effort of arraying himself in dinner jacket.

The chiffon gown sketched above illustrates the new type of frock at its best. The graceful sleeves are shirred at the elbow. The neckline features a modified cowl line that is flattering and individual. But for the highest fashion point in this end of the day model, look to the crushed belt. Rhinestones from three slanted rectangular shapes hold the belt at the front. The gown is beautifully moulded at the hips and falls with sleek grace into a circular skirt.

MAGNIFYING WEIGHTS.

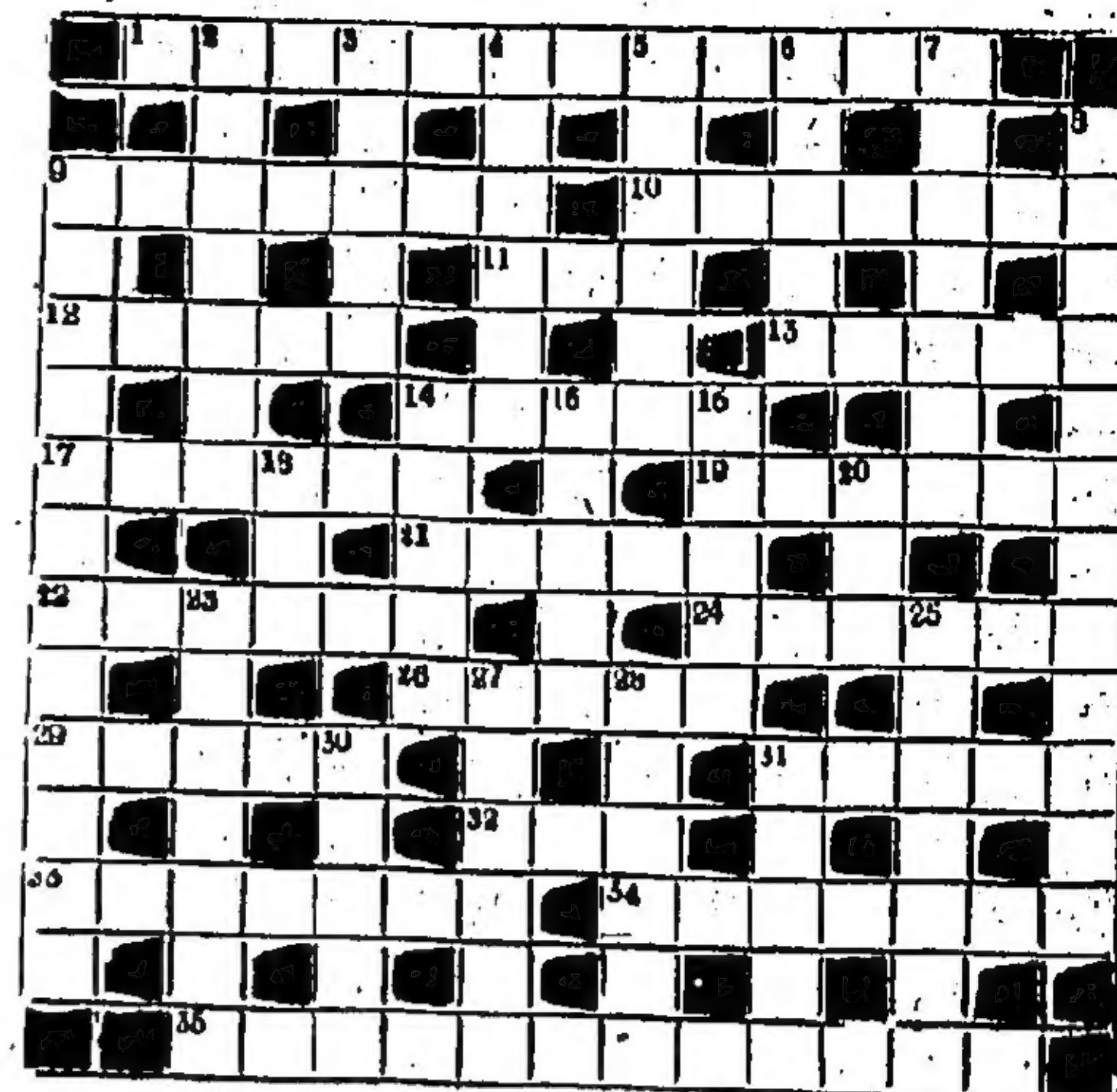
A paperweight made of magnifying glass will prove a welcome addition to the writing desk in the study, and will have special attraction for the enthusiastic stamp collector. The weights are rounded at the top, and when a stamp is placed beneath, it is very much enlarged and any post marks or indistinct markings can be discovered with great ease.

BY CANDLELIGHT.

For the dinner table there is no lighting so friendly or so attractive as that shed by wax candles.

For some years candles have been obtainable in various definite colours—red, blue, green or brown. Nowadays it is possible to obtain them in every shade of every colour. In this way the furnishings of the room may be matched exactly.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across

- 1 He's not really a friend; he has a queer heart.
- 9 There would seem to be plenty of eggs, but let it be a warning.
- 10 In this place of business one can see tattered garments moving on one leg.
- 11 Mammal or egg.
- 12 Shakespearean character who certainly did not honour the King.
- 13 The carpenter makes this all its niche.
- 14 This girl did not lose by her imagined blonde preferences.
- 17 If this boy followed his heart instead of his inclinations he would get through his work more quickly.
- 19 Concealed altogether, though, for the most part, open to view.
- 21 This begins all interruptions.
- 22 Being a bonne bouche, you will be pleased to have it twice.
- 24 Enamoured.
- 26 Arranges in a straightforward way, and works hard on its return.
- 29 After some searching these stones may still be discovered in Shropshire.
- 31 Materials that are simply nonsense.
- 32 There is no need to make a moan; it is extinct.
- 33 Men in a natural environment.
- 34 This is no laughing matter.
- 35 He is interested in insects.

Down

- 2 A seasoned warrior, perhaps, the scoldish landlady.
- 3 Take the pin out.
- 4 The Cresta, for instance.
- 5 Put the sapper in that and look out for impending danger, as—
- 6 A time of darkness is rather more than near.

- 7 When a hen and a cane have a mix-up they heighten in value.
- 8 Might describe a Socialist Government without injustice.
- 9 There is nothing flippant about this currency. It closes a bargain (hyphen).
- 14 Entrances that may be made very sedate.
- 15 A brief introduction—in certain circles.
- 16 Yorkshire has broad ones.
- 18 Clerical vestment.
- 20 These letters came to light during the War.
- 23 Goes with a swing at the Circus.
- 25 Competitive.
- 27 Two boys can make quite a noise when beaten.
- 28 One must take a stand with this unpleasant little animal.
- 30 Perfectly charming but an Edinburgh man would get very little out of it.
- 31 Quite a small shoot (but it sounds as though Spring was here with a cold).

Yesterday's Solution.

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GOLFER AND HIS CARD.

EXPULSED FROM CLUB.

An allegation that a score-card in a competition had been altered was considered at a special meeting of the Dyke Golf Club, one of the most fashionable clubs in the Brighton district.

The committee had previously decided on the expulsion of one of the members, and another member has resigned.

At the committee meeting the debate lasted nearly two hours, and it was decided by 30 votes to 10 to uphold the committee's decision. A number of members abstained from voting.

After the meeting the expelled member told the press: "I absolutely deny the allegation that has been made that the scores I returned were incorrect. I was not interested in this match, and my card was torn up in the course of the round."

"My partner's card, which, of course I marked differed, it is alleged, by four strokes from that returned by the caddies deputed to check the scores."

"The matter cannot be allowed to rest here."

STRANGE TALE OF THE SEA.

HOW AN EXPLOSION WAS CAUSED.

An unusual story of the sea is disclosed in a four-line report issued by Lloyd's recently.

The report is dated Manchester Nov. 27, and is in the following terms: "British steamer Gracefield, from Rosario, reports that while in South Atlantic, Oct. 24, starboard boiler exploded, injuring two firemen. Accident due to mentally deranged engineer on watch letting out the water."

"The Gracefield is a vessel of 4,631 tons. No further details of the incident are given."

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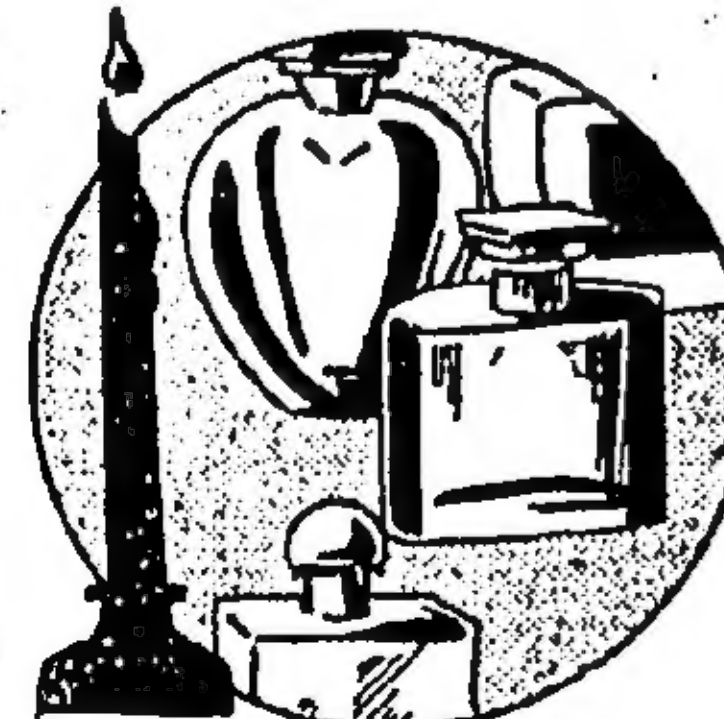
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Getting a Little Uncanny!

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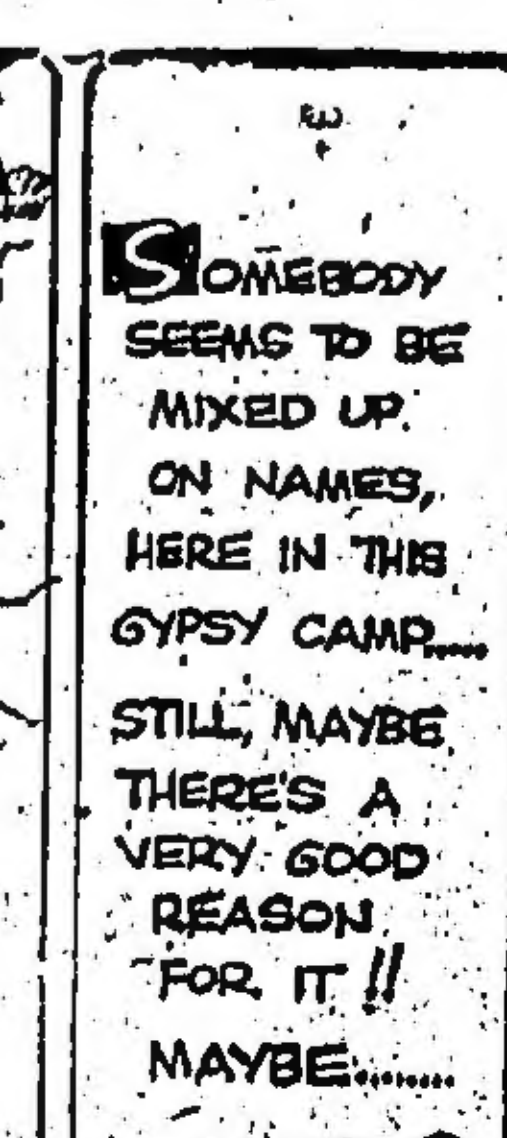
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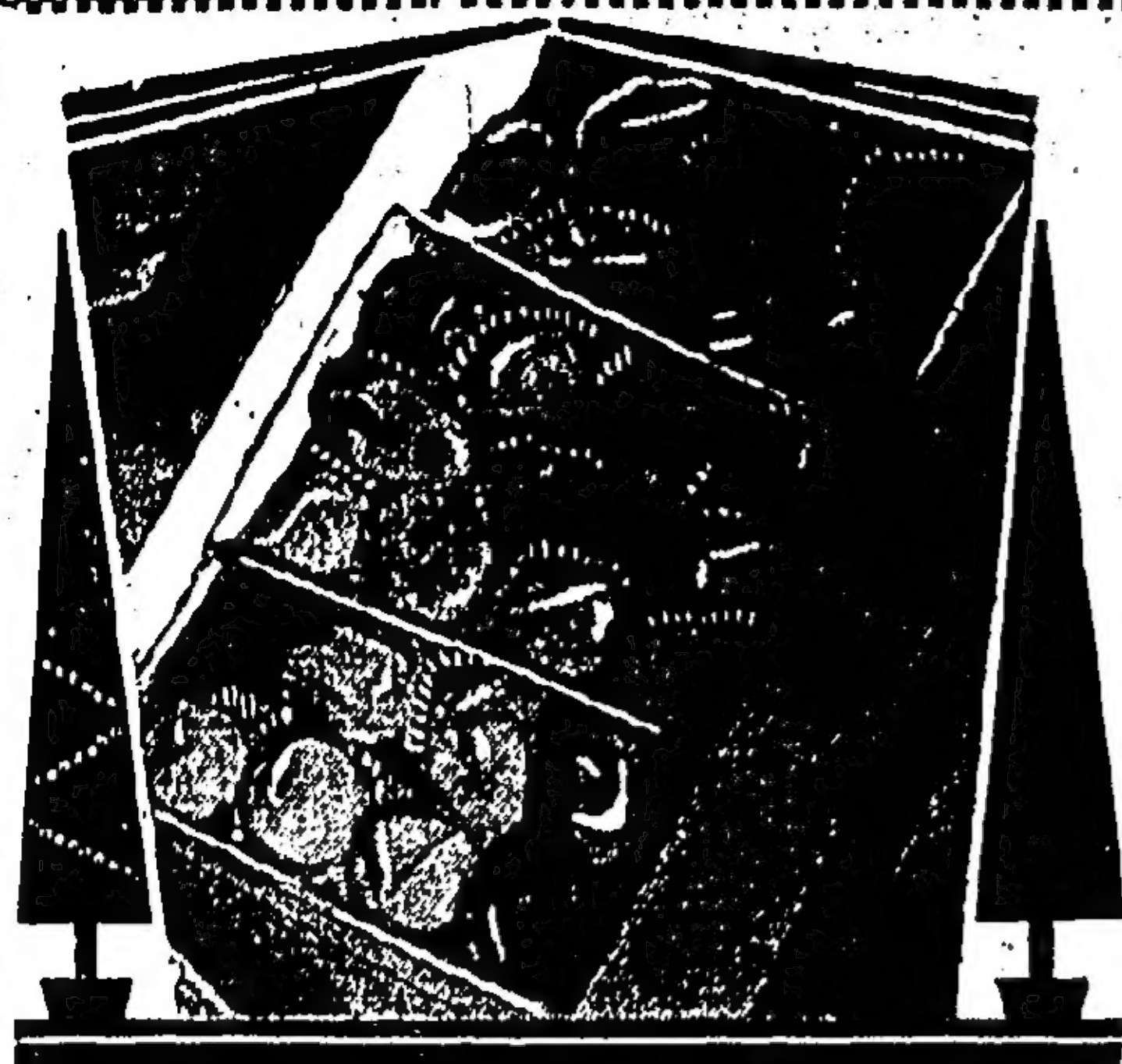


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**AYRSHIRE EN ROUTE ON
THE TYNDAREUS.**

Bound for Hongkong, 35 head of pure bred Ayrshire milk cows left Vancouver on November 14, on board the Blue Funnel steamer Tyndareus, which is due to arrive here on January 1, 1932.

These emigrant cattle have been selected from prize herds in the Dundas area of Ontario and the Huntingdon-Howick districts of Quebec by Mr. David Hunter, fieldman for the Canadian Ayrshire Breeders' Association. They spent eight days in two Canadian National Railway box cars bound for Vancouver, and during the trans-Canada journey were attended by two experienced herds-men. At Vancouver they were transferred to the Tyndareus to complete the remaining 5,800 miles of their journey at sea. When they arrive at Hongkong they will have been approximately 28 days on the water.

These cows are to be used for breeding purposes by the Hongkong Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co. Shipment was arranged by Mr. F. W. Walsh, Superintendent of Agriculture, for the Canadian National Railways. The cattle are above the average in breeding and production and are from two to six years of age. They are among the healthiest animals in Canada for in addition to the tuberculin they have had to pass successfully several other blood tests for foot and mouth diseases and other more obscure maladies.

The present shipment is in the nature of an experiment, which if successful, will probably lead to further exports of Canadian cattle to the Orient. In addition to the Eastern Ayrshires, a further consignment of British Columbia Holsteins is also on the way to Hongkong.

ANOTHER RECORD.

**BRITAIN NOW HOLDS THE
SPEED MONOPOLY.**

London, Dec. 21.
At Cowes, Isle of Wight, during the week-end, a young Londoner, Mr. Charles Harrison, created the only world's speed record Britain did not already hold.

In an outboard motor-boat, the Non Sequitur X, he beat the record of 54.16 miles an hour established by the Italian, Daceo, on Lake Garda last April, by reaching an average speed on two runs of 55.56 miles an hour.

Britain now holds the big five world speed records—the fastest seaplane, fastest motor-car, fastest motor-boat, fastest motor-cycle and fastest outboard motor-boat.—British Wireless.

MOSLEM UNION.

**SHIAH LEADS SUNNI
PRAYERS IN MOSQUE.**

Jerusalem, Dec. 18.

A centuries old rule was broken at the Islamic Conference here today when the Iraq delegate, Muhammad Alghatta, who is Imam of the Shia sect, acceded to the request of the Congress to lead the mid-day prayers for the Palestine Sunni Moslems.

The differences between the Sunnis and the Shias over the question of the headship of Islam are almost as long standing as the Islam faith itself.

That an Imam of the Shia sect should lead the prayers on behalf of the Sunnis is without precedent and demonstrates as nothing else could have done the sincerity of the desire among all the delegates at the Conference to achieve Islamic unity.

The Congress, which is being held at the Al Aqsa Mosque, was called as the result of a visit paid to Palestine this year by Shaikat Ali, the distinguished Indian Moslem leader. Its object is to strengthen the bonds throughout the whole Moslem world in defence of the Arabs of Palestine and the Holy Places in Jerusalem from the pressure that it is believed will be exerted against them by the Zionist Colonists.—Reuter.

**FROM POST OFFICE TO
THE PULPIT.**

**ORDINATION AT ROCHESTER
CATHEDRAL.**

London, Dec. 21.
One of the most extraordinary ordinations in the history of Rochester Cathedral was made when Mr. A. J. Stubbs, a seventy-year-old retired Post Office engineer, became a Deacon licensed to carry out the curacy of All Saint's Church, Chatham.

Mr. Stubbs retired from the Post Office in 1921, in consequence of advanced age.

The Bishop of Rochester dispensed with the usual examination course.—Reuter's Special Service.

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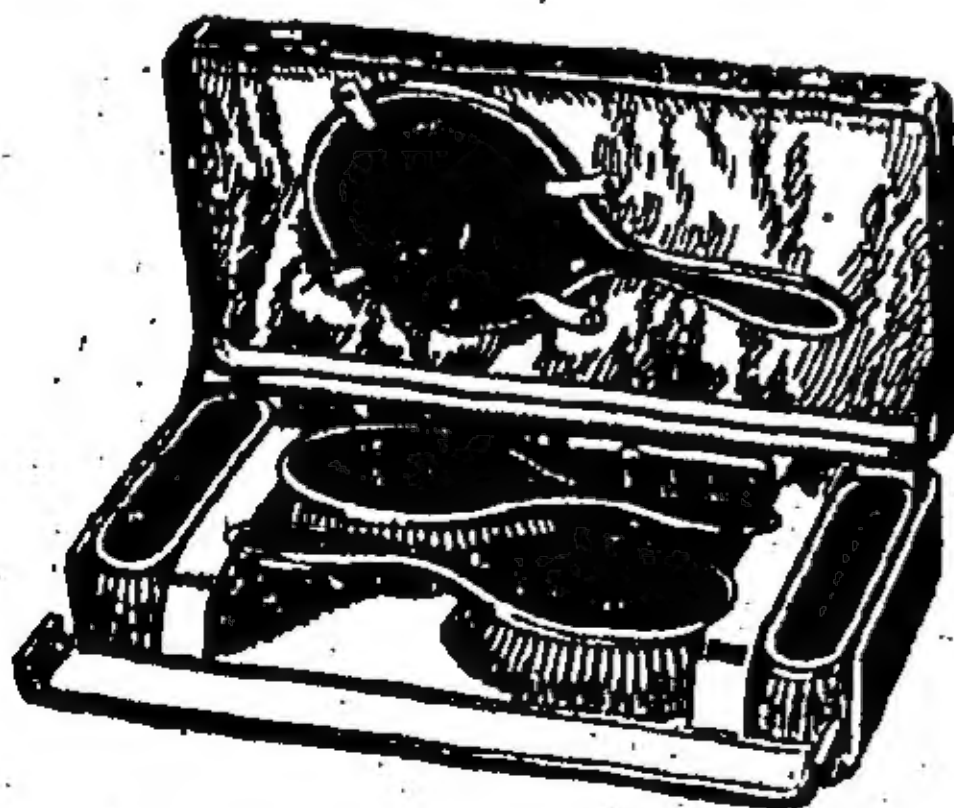
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HANLON.—At Canton, on December
20, 1931, to Mr. and Mrs. E. M.
Hanlon, a son.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1931.

BRITAIN AND THE GOLD STANDARD.

Apart from the wider signifi-
cance which a settlement of the
war debts and reparations problem
would possess, it is generally felt
in financial circles in Britain that
such a settlement must be a pre-
requisite to any return to the gold
standard. Only by such an ad-
justment can international ar-
rangements be devised which will
allow of a sufficient flow of com-
modities from one country to an-
other and thus pave the way to an
understanding between creditor
nations as to the methods to be
adopted in the working of the gold
standard. At the moment, the pre-
blems to be solved are largely poli-
tical in character, and it seems
clear that some time must elapse
before any satisfactory solution is
found. Therefore, until a way out
is found, the question of re-
establishing a definite relationship
between sterling and gold can
scarcely arise.

It is now generally agreed that
the gold standard crisis has been
caused chiefly by lack of interna-
tional co-operation. More than ten
years ago, Professor Gustav
Cassel, in his memorandum on the
world's monetary problems, pre-
pared in connexion with the Brussels
International Financial Conference,
strongly stressed the need of such
co-operation, urging, in particular,
that countries in a position to draw
gold to themselves from the rest of

the world should abstain from do-
ing so. Very shortly afterwards,
in 1922, the conclusion was reached
at a conference held in Genoa, deal-
ing with the problem of the
restoration of currency stability in
Europe, that the successful main-
tenance of a gold standard would
be materially promoted, not only by
the proposed collaboration of Cen-
tral Banks, but by an international
convention. The purpose of such a
convention, it was suggested,
should be to centralise and co-
ordinate the demand for gold so as
to avoid these wide fluctuations in
its purchasing power which might
otherwise result from the simul-
taneous and competitive efforts of
a number of countries to secure
metallic reserves. How little notice
has been taken of these warnings
has been clearly shown by the
developments of recent times. In
the circumstances, as a British
banking journal points out, a re-
turn by Britain to the gold
standard cannot be hurried, since it
would be folly to ignore the fact
that in the conditions which have
prevailed in recent years, the
system has signally failed to
achieve its principal objective,
namely, stability of prices. The
various impediments to its smooth
working have now resulted in its
complete breakdown, and it would
therefore be extremely unwise for
Britain to again link her currency
to gold until there is a reasonable
prospect that all countries adopting
the system will agree to abide by
rules, the non-observance of which
has been mainly responsible for the
existing position.

It has, of course, never been
claimed that the gold standard was
free from imperfections, but prior
to the War, when, to a much
greater extent than in the post-War
period, it was allowed to operate
according to the recognised prin-
ciples and gold movements were per-
mitted to exercise their normal in-
fluence as adjusting factors upon
the credit structures of the coun-
tries concerned, it proved its value
and was gradually adopted by the
greater part of the civilised world.
In those days, monetary gold was
not regarded as a commodity for
the settlement of international
debts, but as an adjusting agent for
the correction of unbalanced trad-
ing positions and the present break-
down has shown the necessity for a
return to these broad principles,
even if modern conditions may
necessitate some modification of the
system in detail. It is, according to
British banking interests, along
these lines that reconstruction
plans must be laid, but it is gen-
erally recognised that if they are
to be successfully operated, a much
greater degree of international co-
operation will be required than has
proved possible in recent years.

Politics and War Debts.

Political prejudice remains the
greatest bar to world economic
stability. The present industrial
crisis is clearly the aftermath of
crude handling of the monetary
and credit problems created by
swollen international indebtedness
after the war. It is obvious too
that only drastic steps concerning
governmental debts can touch at
the root of the matter. Great Bri-
tain, the responsible figures in
American political and business
life, Italy and many other coun-
tries are striving to produce the
only possible remedy, but at each
move fresh difficulties arise and
new points become apparent. There
have, in the past few months, been
some excessively optimistic expres-
sions regarding final and definitive
settlement, but Congress at Wash-
ington and M. Laval in Paris have
both shown that the fundamentals
have yet to be faced. Far more
comprehensive debates between the
whole of the creditors and the
debtors must be held before the
question becomes simplified. M.
Laval's statement in Paris, viewed
from the broader standpoint, was
most unfortunate. It reveals
France with her mind made up be-
fore the Bank Committee has re-
ported, before the fringe of the
real issue has been touched. The
United States Congress, dominated
apparently by the man of the
Middle West who seems incapable
of understanding where his real

DAY BY DAY

THE INHERENT TRAGEDY OF
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THE POOR THINGS OF A DAY LOOK
RUEFULLY ON. DOES IT SHAKE MY
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DECENCY OF THINGS.—R. L. Steven-
son.

The P. and O. S. S. Somali, from
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inst. at 7 a.m.

We have received from the Singer
Sewing Machine Company some
effective Chinese calendars.

Mackintosh's, Ltd., the well-known
men's wear specialists, have issued a
useful desk calendar, in which the
dates for three months are seen at a
glance.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
acknowledges with thanks the sum of
\$291.00 from the Portuguese Ladies'
Sewing Circle for distribution amongst
the Kowloon poor under the above
Society, as a special Christmas grant.

Mr. Fung Kwok-on, of No. 143
Tung Choi Street, Shamshui, re-
ported to the police this morning that
damage to the extent of about \$100
had been done to the front and rear
mud-guard of his motor-car whilst it
was parked opposite the Kowloon Fire
Station.

Inspector Lane, of the Water
Police Station, removed the body of
a house-boy, aged about 45, to the
Kowloon Mortuary this morning.
According to a police report, the
"boy" who was employed by Mr.
Smirke, at No. 8 Cameron Road, died
in his sleep.

interests lie, has also stated its
policy out of its turn. At Basic,
according to preliminary reports,
the financial exports of the world,
with the exception of the French
representatives, are agreed that
Germany must be granted a two-
year moratorium, which means,
without a quibble, that the United
States must accord equal privileges
to her war allies. Yet neither
political France nor political Am-
erica, who want to preserve the
gold standard, who view with alarm
the steady abandonment of that
standard by other countries, seem
prepared to take the only possible
steps to bring the world back to a
gold standard and an even keel.
There is something to be said for
the arguments of both. It is easy
to understand French dislike of the
proposition that French gold be in-
vested in Germany and drawn out
by British and French bankers. But
there is the other side to the
picture. France has been building
up her colossal store of frozen gold
from German reparations mainly,
paid with money borrowed from
British and American bankers. It
is too much to ask lenders, who
have been indirectly paying France,
to subordinate their reimburse-
ments to continuance of payments
to France, again with their money.
But that is the logical conclusion
to the French argument, and if it
is persisted in to the end, Paris
will discover that expert forebod-
ings of financial chaos are less
theatrical than she supposes.

SYLVIA THOMPSON prescribes

A Cure for the Restless.

Who doesn't know the type of
woman who comes into a room like
the wind into an autumn garden,
creating a dozen gusty whirlpools of
unrest, tidying cushions, switching
on lights, rearranging books, pok-
ing the fire, ringing for something,
or other, exclaiming: "telephoning,
straightening here a flower, there
a rug—cracking the whole struc-
ture of conversation and scattering
all thought to the four corners of
the ceiling?"

The woman who sits down only
to jump up again because she has
forgotten a message, a workbook, a
book, a handkerchief. Who will
settle and read—for three minutes
—and jerk down the book, exclaim-
ing that "it is time" for tea, or
going out, or writing a letter.

The Fidgety Male.

Who hasn't suffered too, from
the pacing male, the man who sit-
tles with everything on the man-
tepiece while he talks, who cannot
argue without raising his voice, who
cannot think without marching up
and down, who cannot leave any-
one to do anything, but stamps
about chivvying his subordinates
or family, who cannot sit down in
an armchair but must search all
his pockets to find his matches or
cigarette case?

But people are restless—they
will so excuse themselves if you
accuse them of it—because they
are "nervy." True. But there are
also many highly strung and sen-
sitive people who are restless.

Restlessness is a symptom of
nerves. But nerves are also a re-
sult of restlessness, and a nervous
condition of mind is aggravated by
the habit of fussing, jerking, worry-
ing. In most cases unrest, and the
nervous condition of which it is
both symptom and irritant, can
be controlled by character. Far
from being an interesting sign of
sensitivity and intelligence, the
inability to be still bodily and men-
tally is as common among stupid
as clever people.

The real causes of restlessness
are less connected with mental than
moral qualities. Mistake, weak-
ness, lack of decision—above all,
every kind of fear—fear of facts,
of feelings, of the future make for
restlessness. So in the opposite
sense, courage, decision, strength
of character will give the most
sensitive and responsible person re-
pose of manner and outlook.

The recent and present crisis in
the economic life of the world re-
acts on most people to-day in the
form of financial uncertainty and
difficulty. In such times national
and personal character is tested.
Naturally restless and "nervy"
people become, under the influence
of new apprehensions, more exas-
perating to themselves and wear-
ing to other people.

Test of Character.

They give way to fear, and quite
unintelligently create more fear and
uncertainty, and are a vicious ele-
ment in an already difficult situa-
tion. (The worried man who
comes home from the city to a
restless and tiring wife goes back
next day more depressed to his
work and so adds lack of confidence
to the pessimistic tendencies.)

Personal calm has never been
more important, influential, or
more admirable than at present
(when there are no heroics and
marching songs to help the indi-
vidual to take his part in a national

struggle). And at such a time
more optimism, which is only a
coward's pessimism, cannot help
people to achieve a steadiness of
outlook, the personal repose which
enables them to face difficulty.

Bertrand Russell numbers fear,
which is the cause of worry and
unrest, among the first cause of un-
happiness. His prescribed remedy
is to face the facts and then free
your mind to deal with other
things. "When some misfortune
threatens, consider seriously and
deliberately what is the very worst
that could possibly happen. Having
looked this possible misfortune in
the face, give yourself sound
reasons for thinking that, after all,
it would be no such very terrible
disaster. Such reasons always exist;
since at the worst nothing that
happens to oneself has any cosmic
importance. When you have looked
for some time steadily at the worst
possibilities, you will find that
often, worry diminishes to a quite
extraordinary extent and . . . in
the end . . . is replaced by a kind
of exhilaration."

Everyone knows the grating,
incessant sensation of worry or
fear. But few people even try to
develop a technique of dealing with
it. For instance, the woman who
is always tidying the cushions and
poking the fire is probably afraid
that her child's cold is going to
turn to bronchitis; or the fidgeting
man who fusses his subordinates
is secretly anxious about his invest-
ments, or his health, or the future
of his business.

Some Remedies.

In my own minor experience,
there is a definite cure for "rest-
lessness" in reasonable activity—
mental and physical. The matter-
of-fact remedy of exercise out of
doors—or engrossing one's mind in
a book—produces a sense of pro-
portion and therefore diminution
of worry in a short time.

In the same way seeing a good
play, or making oneself see people
and talk to them, takes one, as the
common phrase is, "out of oneself"
—which is, indeed, just what one
needs to get "out of"! And each
assertion of the power to be calm,
instead of fussy; to rest—when
restlessness seems so inevitable—not
only enlivens one's own outlook, on
life but that of every other person
with whom one comes in contact.

PHIPPS Discovers

THE WOBBLE- METER.

America's latest contribution to
Progress is the "Wobble-meter."
This is not a device for teaching
dancing, but an instrument which
indicates the nervous condition of
pilots.

The pilot steps on to a platform
like that of a weighing-machine,
and if the reading shows that he
is run down, he is not allowed to
go up.

The principle of the apparatus is
simply Balance, the slightest pitch-
ing or rolling on the part of the
subject being faithfully recorded.
The wobble-meter has an obvious
scope beyond the pathology of
pilots.

Every home should have one.
When it makes its debut this side
of the Atlantic I hope it will be
regarded as a domestic necessity.

You could put it in the hall,
underneath the front-door mat.
Then, when you come in from a
reunion dinner, you could take
your reading, and, on the strength
of that, decide whether to remain
at ground level or risk going up-
without waking your wife.

Conversely, your wife would find
the wobble-meter an invaluable
guide, to her nervous condition
preparatory to showing you her
dress account. The meter will
tell her whether her balance is
adequate to the ordeal.

Outside the home, too, the
wobble-meter would have its use.
At weddings, for instance, it could
be slipped under the red carpet,
and a last-minute wobble-chart of
the bridegroom taken by the best
man.

Should lateral or fore-aft motion
be sufficiently pronounced to sug-
gest a nose-drive in the aisle, the
S.M. should have no hesitation in
forbidding him to take off.

Further details of the disastrous
outbreak of fire, reported elsewhere
as having occurred at 130, Jervois
Street, show that it originated in the
upper of a two-story building, which
appears at one time to have been built
into a narrow lane with a consequent
width of not more than four feet
across, and a depth of about 15 feet.
Within this narrow area, rooms had
been founded on the ground floor for
habitable purposes, and the upper
floor for a warehouse and storage
quarters. The police have been in-
formed that the fire was caused by
a defective chimney, and that the
loss was about \$10,000.



"If I could borrow that chimney I'd notice our
stockings."

PUBLIC PLEA FOR CUNARD.

FUNDS OFFERED TO ASSIST IN COMPLETING SHIP.

DIRECTORS' HOPES.

London, Dec. 17. The great public feeling aroused by the suspension of the work on the giant Cunard liner was particularly referred to at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company to-day.

The Chairman, Sir Percy Bates, stated that he had received many letters from all classes of people offering to support a huge public appeal for funds in order that the vessel might be completed. Many of these people, he stated, had actually forwarded contributions in cash.

The whole subject was then carefully reviewed again and the Directors finally decided that if any scheme could be devised under which the large section of the public apparently interested could subscribe the necessary funds, other than through the issue of more ordinary shares of the Company, they would give it their sympathetic consideration. An official of the Cunard Company, they would give it was certain that work on the new liner would be resumed very shortly.

CANTON AMATEUR THEATRICALS.

THREE-ACT COMEDY PRODUCED.

Canton, Dec. 21. The Canton Amateur Theatrical Society opened their 1931-2 season at the Canton Club Theatre on Friday and Saturday last, when they presented "Passing Broomstick Road," a comedy in three acts by Jevan Brandon-Thomas.

The cast was as follows:—Mr. Montgomery, Vernon W. Stapleton-Cotton; Veronica Sloan, Phroso Lammert; Privett (a maid), Margaret Macdermott; Dultitia Sloan, Gertrude G. Phillips; Henry Sloan, Robert Longworth; George Harding, W. Roland Farmer; Miss Carruthers, Una J. C. Hill; Miss Pastell, Doris Brameld; Eric Sloan, Richard Johnson.

This pleasing comedy was well sustained throughout and exceptionally well acted, being undoubtedly one of the Society's biggest successes. Mr. W. V. Stapleton-Cotton, who was responsible for the production, and who, in addition, took the part of Mr. Montgomery, is to be heartily congratulated on the very finished performance presented. It is a matter for regret that Mr. Stapleton-Cotton, who is shortly leaving Canton, will not be available to handle further productions.

Gertrude G. Phillips as Dultitia Sloan, the socially ambitious wife, scored a tremendous success and established herself as the finest amateur actress seen in Canton for many years. On the stage practically throughout the entire play, her acting and diction were perfect from first to last.

W. Roland Farmer as George Harding, the somewhat eccentric bachelor and unwilling co-respondent, who played opposite Dultitia, was very well cast and gave a very convincing portrayal of his role.

Doris Brameld as Miss Pastell, the social worker, was extremely clever, especially in her complete volte-face from the pedantic, prim and proper old maid to the ultra-modern woman.

Una Hill as Miss Carruthers, the society girl who is studying to become a lawyer, was very convincing, especially in her scenes opposite Eric Sloan. Richard Johnson as Eric Sloan was also good and played up to Miss Carruthers in a pleasing manner.

Phroso Lammert as the modern flapper gave a very clever interpretation; Margaret Macdermott as Privett, the maid, was just as part as most maids of to-day, while Robert Longworth in the somewhat difficult role of the long-suffering husband carried his part very well.

The scenery was unanimously voted the best that has been seen on the Canton Club Theatre stage and in this connection the Society's thanks are extended to Mr. Thomas Brameld, F.R.I.B.A., Mr. W. T. Scotcher, and the Shamen Printing Press, Ltd., for designs, posters, properties, &c.

Messrs. F. C. Mudie and J. P. Macdermott acted as Stage Manager and Assistant Stage Manager respectively, while Mrs. R. Longworth undertook the duties of Prompter.

The Committee of the Society must be congratulated on the success that has attended their first effort of the present season and the community of Canton will look forward with keen anticipation to their further activities.—Our Own Correspondent.

TWELVE LADY M.P.S. ARRIVE AT COMMONS TOGETHER.



Our picture shows the women members of the new British parliament as they arrived together at the House of Commons. There are only 12 of them, in a house numbering 615. Left to right above are Mrs. Helen Shaw, Lady Isidore, Miss Irene Ward, Miss Thelma Cazalet, Mrs. R. H. Tate, Mrs. Ida Copeland, Lady Astor, Mrs. W. J. Ward, Miss F. Horsburgh, Hon. Mary Pickford, the Duchess of Atholl, and Mrs. N. Runge.

INDECENT ASSAULT TRIAL.

ADMISSIBILITY OF STATEMENTS.

The trial of Sir Shek, on a charge of indecently assaulting a two-year-old girl, was resumed at the Criminal Sessions this morning, before the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp) and a jury. Mr. Somerset Fitzroy is for the Crown and Mr. Hin-Shing Lo is defending. Chan Wai-wing, police interpreter, gave evidence of two charges being preferred against prisoner, one of rape on the Saturday, and another of carnal knowledge on the Monday. Prisoner made a reply to the first charge which he (witness) took down in writing, but with regard to the second charge, witness was instructed to ask prisoner if he were willing to write his own statement. This he did.

When Mr. Fitzroy asked for the statements to be read, Mr. Lo objected, saying that the two first sentences of the second statement were drawn from prisoner in order to explain the last sentence of the first statement.

To help to establish this, Mr. Lo cross-examined witness, who said that he re-wrote prisoner's own statement in order to correct the Chinese characters, but the meaning remained the same.

Witness denied that he knew the result of the medical examinations of the girl and prisoner at the time of the charges being put to prisoner. He did not question prisoner, either himself or under instructions. Witness agreed it was not usual for a man to be charged twice, and it was not usual for him to write his own statement.

Mr. Lo argued against the admissibility of prisoner's reply to the second charge, submitting that the evidence showed it was impossible to ascertain whether the statement was voluntary or not, which was all he had to show to support his submission.

His Lordship held that the evidence was admissible but, when Mr. Fitzroy offered no objection, his Lordship excluded the second statement.

The admissible statements were then read, the answer to the second charge amounting to an admission that he had interfered with the girl.

The case is proceeding.

MOTOR LORRY SPEEDSTER.

FINED TWICE IN THREE MONTHS.

In imposing a fine of \$30 on the driver of a motor lorry summoned for dangerous driving in Aberdeen, Mr. Schofield, at the Central Police Court this morning, recommended that the defendant's licence be dealt with by the authorities, as he had had a previous conviction for speeding during the three months that he had been driving.

Sergeant R. Cunningham, who prosecuted, informed his Worship that the defendant was travelling at a speed of anything up to 25 miles an hour near the dockyard in Aberdeen, which was a controlled area. The officer, on hearing the approach of the vehicle, first thought it was the fire engine, but noticed that no bell was being sounded. He stopped into the roadway and put up his hand, but the defendant took no notice, the officer jumping back to the side of the road.

Boarding a bus which arrived shortly afterwards, the officer went into Aberdeen and found that the defendant had parked his lorry. He was then told that he would be summoned.

The defendant was also summoned for failing to stop but was given the benefit of the doubt on a plea that he did not hear or see the officer.

BRITAIN'S GREAT OPPORTUNITY.

MAY TAKE MONETARY LEADERSHIP.

London, Dec. 17. "In the world's present extremity, Great Britain has an opportunity of assuming a monetary leadership which will tend directly toward recovery," declared Mr. J. F. Darling, the well-known banker, during the course of a speech in Belfast to-day.

Mr. Darling is the author of what has become known as the "Rex Money Plan," and in his speech to-day he elaborated the details for his proposed formation of an Empire bank and the establishment of a special Empire monetary unit.

As regards the bank, Mr. Darling urged that this should be established by agreement between the Governments of the Empire.

Referring to his special monetary unit—the Rex—Mr. Darling said that both gold and silver entered into it, but that the unit would not be clamped to gold. Such a unit, he stated, might become so strong that the dollar and the franc and other currencies would be attracted towards it. They would be unable to remain apart.

COLLAR THEFT—WITH DOG ATTACHED.

STRANGE WORDING OF POLICE COURT CHARGE.

A valuable racing greyhound which was stolen from West Ham Stadium after an auction sale of dogs, was produced as an exhibit at West Ham Police Court recently.

Charles Worby, aged 40, of Longfellow-road, Bow, was charged with stealing "a dog collar and chain with greyhound dog attached thereto," valued together at £22 15s., the property of Mr. Stratton Cave-Brown, an auctioneer, of Mosley-street, Birmingham. Jim Syden, assistant kennelman at Wembley Stadium, identified the dog found by the police at Worby's address as "Daudy," of which he had had charge since last August. Certain white spots on it had been coloured over.

The Clerk—With permanganate of potash.

Detective Inspector Lawrence said that on November 24 he went to Worby's house and questioned him about the missing dog and Worby said that he had got only one dog which he showed to him. A dog barked in the back yard, he said, and going there he found two other greyhounds. One was in an enclosed kennel and he found that white spots on it had been discoloured. Worby said that he bought it in Club-row. When charged, Worby said, "I did not steal it but I admit receiving it."

Worby was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Friday.	Yesterday.
Paris	84.15/16	83 3/4
Geneva	17.10	17 1/2
Berlin	14 1/2	14 1/2
Oso	18 1/2	18 1/2
Helsingfors	237 1/2	240
Athens	257 1/2	260
Buenos Aires	40 1/2	41 1/2
Shanghai	1/11 1/2	2/0 1/2
New York	3.34	3.34
Amsterdam	8.80	8.7/16
Stockholm	17.15/16	18
Vienna	28	28
Madrid	89 1/2	89 1/2
Bucharest	655	672 1/2
Hongkong	1/5 1/2	1/5 1/2
Brussels	25.15/16	24 3/4
Milan	60	60 1/2
Copenhagen	18 1/2	18 1/2
Prague	113	114
Lisbon	109 1/2	109 1/2
Rio	4 1/2	4 1/2
Bombay	1/8 1/2	1/8 1/2
Yokohama	1/8 1/2	1/8 1/2
Manila	31 1/2	31 1/2
Montreal	4.10	4.30
Silver (spot)	20 1/2	20 1/2
(forward)	20 1/2	20 1/2

MODERN YOUTH DEFENDED.

"NO WORSE THAN WE WERE."

A BISHOP'S PLEA.

Modern youth was defended by the Bishop of Liverpool, Dr. David, at the Liverpool Diocesan Conference.

Dr. David said that they had to face the fact that large numbers of young people of all classes stood aside from the Church, and were not attracted by its message. They questioned its standard of conduct and neglected its worship.

They held aloof from organised religion because it appeared to them that the Church cared nothing for the interests of life, which seemed to them real and engrossing—science and art, recreation, sport, and fellowship—but was preoccupied with questions narrowly ecclesiastical, often in a bitter partisan spirit.

"This estrangement," Dr. David said, "is part of what is called the revolt of youth, but it is not peculiar to this particular time.

Frankness.

"Young people, however, nowadays express themselves in both speech and conduct, in their relations with one another, and in their attitude to us, with a frankness and a freedom altogether new. I do not regret it.

"Let us beware of being personally offended by what seems to us a lack of reverence or even of reverence. We can use it if we will—and here humour will help us for their good and for ours.

"I trust that we shall waste no time in deploring and lamenting the weaknesses, the selfishness, the waywardness of our young people. Nor, on the other hand, am I inclined to join in that rather fulsome glorification of their virtues which from some quarters is lavished on them to-day.

"The truth is that in themselves they are no better and no worse than we were. They have the same temptations to drag them down, the same possibilities of sound and helpful growth.

"If we have found the secret of deliverance and development, it is because our eyes were opened to it by people who understood us. Let us seek a like share in opening theirs.

"The success of some youth movements is phenomenal. Somehow they have touched and held the imagination and the aspiration of young people as sometimes we have failed to do.

"They have found an appeal to which youth answers naturally and generously. We must learn from that experience. We shall do so the more easily because from some of these movements there comes to us a definite request to help from our side.

"Their leaders recognise that, if their work for the young is to be lasting, it must rest on the only permanent basis of human life—namely, the religious basis. I count that request to be one of the most hopeful signs of our time."

GALLANT SOLDIER.

DASH THROUGH FLAMES TO SAVE COMRADE.

The King has awarded the Albert Medal to Private W. H. Foster, 1st Battalion, Leicestershire Regiment, in recognition of his gallantry in going to the rescue of a comrade in a forest fire.

Recording the award, the *London Gazette* states that fire broke out near Sabathu, Simla Hills, on a hillside covered with inflamm-

RADIO BROADCAST

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME OF RECORDED MUSIC.

From Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 255 metres.

5.00-5.00 p.m. European programme of Columbia records.

5.00-5.36 p.m. Orchestral.

Homage March (Wagner).

Sir Dan Godfrey and Symphony Orchestra. 7155-M.

Waldteufel Memories-Fantasia (Herman Finck).

Herman Finck and His Orch. 9836.

The Little Minister-Overture (Mackenzie).

New Queen's Hall Light Orch. 7140-M.

Carnival Overture (Borak).

Sir Hamilton Harty and Halle Orchestra. 67412-D.

5.36-6.04 p.m. Variety.

Vocal Duet-The Little Old Church in the Valley.

Vocal Duet-Wabash Moon.

Organ Solo-The Song is Done.

Organ Solo-Lonesome Lover.

Reginald Foot. DB548.

Vocal Quartette-Put Your Loving Arms Around Me.

Vocal Quartette-Sally.

The Four Voices. MR370.

Saxophone Solo-Souvenir.

Saxophone Solo-Llewellyn Walts.

Rudy Weddett. 4076.

6.04-6.22 p.m. Pianoforte Solos.

Valse in A Flat (Chopin).

Prelude in A Flat (Chopin).

Percy Grainger. 7060-M.

Jewish Melody (Grainger).

Percy Grainger. 50129-D.

6.22-6.58 p.m. Operatic.

Orchestral-Mignon-Selection (Thomas).

New Queen's Hall Light Orch. 9308.

Orchestral-Faust-Ballet Music (Gounod).

Sir Henry J. Wood conducting the New Queen's Hall Orchestra. 12704-L1795.

Instrumental-Romance at Juliette-Queen Mab Scherzo (Berlioz).

Sir Hamilton Harty and Halle Orchestra. 67422-D.

7.00 p.m. (Stock quotations, mail notices, etc.).

7.55-8.00 p.m. Concert Items.

Violoncello Solo-Villanelle (Pianelli arr. Samon).

Violoncello Solo-Serenade Espagnole (Glazounov).

Felix Salmond. 7117-M.

Song-The Kerry Dance (McIlroy).

Song-The Song My Mother Sang (arr. Grimschaw).

Doris Vane (Soprano). DX157.

Piano Solo-Impromptu No. 4 in F Minor (Schubert).

Piano Solo-Impromptu No. 2 in A Flat (Schubert).

Ethel Legniska. 9478.

Violin Solo-Algerian Scene (Ketelby).

Violin Solo-The Phantom Melody (Ketelby).

Albert Sandler. 9868.

Song-Carmen-Flower Song (Bizet).

Song-O Vision Entrancing from "Emmerelda" (Marzials and Thomas).

Arthur Jordan (Tenor). 9204.

Cello Solo-Tarantelle (Poppert).

Cello Solo-Adagio (Bizet arr. Squire).

W. H. Squire. L2871.

8.00 p.m. Local time and weather report.

8.05-11.30 p.m. Relay from Ko Shing Theatre.

10.30 p.m. Rugby mid-day press news.

11.30 p.m. Close down.

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PROFESSOR'S PROOF.

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Badlin, Dec. 21.

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LAWN BOWLS IN CANADA.

MR. ARTHUR GRIMMITT BACK FROM LEAVE.

On his return to the Colony from Canada where he spent his leave Mr. A. W. Grimmer, the Civil Service and interesting lawn bowls player, has some interesting comments to make about his stay in Canada.

Whilst there he was welcomed by Mr. C. L. White (President of the Vancouver Lawn Bowls Club) and members of the Terminal and Stanley Park Clubs. He and Hongkong bowlers were given a great reputation by Mr. White and there is no doubt that Grimmer successfully justified all that was said of him there. He played quite a lot of bowls there and was fairly successful in the tournaments.

At a luncheon which was given in his honour Mr. Grimmer met Mr. John Galt who was one of the pioneers of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club and who has kept in touch with the game in Hongkong ever since leaving here.

Although Mr. Grimmer reached the semi-final of the singles competition open to British Columbia and the semi-finals of several rink competitions he was not successful in bringing back a prize with him.

Bowling is very popular in Canada although there are no leagues at present. Whilst in Vancouver Mr. Grimmer was invited to join the first Vancouver Bowling team which toured the interior of British Columbia. The team consisted of 20 bowlers and visited eleven towns one of which, Revelstoke, is in the Canadian Rockies. In eight days the team travelled something like 1,600 miles, the trip being made by motor cars.

Bowls By Night.

One of the most interesting facts is that all inter-club games and most competitions are played under electric lights commencing at about 7.30 p.m. and finishing at about 10.30 p.m. which is a handicap to any one used to playing in brilliant sunshine. There are, of course, always rink games every Saturday and Wednesday afternoons.

What seems to have surprised Mr. Grimmer was the number of lady players. On at least four occasions during the season there is a ladies' tournament when as many as 280 ladies play in competitions on the same day and the same greens. Monday evenings in all the clubs are reserved for mixed rinks, each consisting of two ladies and two gentlemen.

The greens there are fairly true but much heavier than those in Hongkong owing to the climate and thicker grass. Nearly all are 120 feet or more in length. The big fault and, one which Mr. Grimmer brought to the notice of the executives, was that no tapes were used between rinks and that the width of the rinks was mostly 17 feet and sometimes as narrow as 15 feet, which is contrary to the S. & E.B.A., to which the Dominion Lawn Bowls Association are affiliated.

On leaving Canada Mr. Grimmer was presented with a very handsome suitcase and a case of pipes by the bowlers of the Vancouver Lawn Bowls Club with expressions of goodwill and also with an invitation to all Hongkong bowlers, who are assured of a splendid welcome.

The popular President of the British Columbia Lawn Bowls Association, the genial Mr. "Bob" Gray, sent his good wishes to the President of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association and Mr. John Galt, who is still a tower of strength and a stout bowler, sent his regards to all old Hongkong bowlers, especially to Messrs. David Gow and "Bob" Lapsley.

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AUSTRALIA WINS BY AN INNINGS.

Sydney, Dec. 21.

Australia has won the second Test Match against South Africa by an innings and 155 runs.

Australia's last three wickets fell this morning for an addition of only 25 runs. Oldfield, who was not out 4 on Saturday, was caught by Cameron off Bell when he had added four. Wall made six and was sent back and Ironmonger failed to score. The total was 469, there having been 444 for 7 at the close of Saturday's play.

South Africa in their second effort were dismissed for 161.

The full scores follow:

South Africa—1st Innings.			
B. Mitchell, b McCabe	1		
J. A. J. Christy, c Nitschke, b Grimmer	14		
D. P. B. Morkel, st. Oldfield, b Grimmer	20		
H. W. Taylor, c Lee, b Grimmer	11		
H. B. Cameron, b Wall	11		
E. L. Dalton, b Grimmer	31		
K. Viljoen, b Ironmonger	27		
C. L. Vincent, not out	31		
E. L. Brown, b McCabe	2		
N. A. Quinn, lbw, McCabe	2		
A. J. Bell, b McCabe	0		
Extras	4		
Total	161		

Bowling Analysis.			
	O.	M.	R.
Wall	18	3	46
Bell	12	6	13
Grimmer	24	12	28
Ironmonger	12	1	38
Lee	7	1	24

Australia—1st Innings.			
W. M. Woodfull, c Mitchell, b Vincent	58		
W. H. Ponsford, b Quinn	127		
K. Rigg, b Bell	12		
D. G. Bradman, c Viljoen, b Morkel	112		
S. J. McCabe, c Christy, b Vincent	79		
H. C. Nitschke, b Bell	47		
P. K. Lee, c Cameron, b Brown	0		
W. A. Oldfield, c Cameron, b Bell	8		
C. V. Grimmer, not out	9		
M. Wall, c Morkel, b Bell	6		
H. Ironmonger, c Cameron, b Bell	0		
Extras	18		
Total	469		

Bowling Analysis.			
	O.	M.	R.
Bell	48.5	0	140
Quinn	-	-	95
Morkel	-	-	33
Vincent	-	-	75
Brown	-	-	100

South Africa—2nd Innings.			
J. A. J. Christy, c Woodfull, b Ironmonger	41		
B. Mitchell, c Oldfield, b Wall	24		
H. B. Cameron, b Wall	0		
D. P. B. Morkel, lbw, Grimmer	17		
H. W. Taylor, c Grimmer, b Ironmonger	6		
K. Viljoen, c and b Grimmer	0		
C. L. Vincent, c Ponsford, b Grimmer	35		
E. L. Dalton, c Bradman, b Ironmonger	14		
E. L. Brown, c Wall, b Lee	8		
N. A. Quinn, st. Oldfield, b Grimmer	1		
A. J. Bell, not out	14		
Extras	14		
Total	161		

Bowling Analysis.			
	O.	M.	R.
Wall	31	2	2
McCabe	25	0	0
Grimmer	44	4	4
Ironmonger	22	3	3
Lee	25	1	1

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A Correction.
In the Mamak Competition match on Sunday between the Central British Association and the R.A.S.C. the final score was six all in favour of the former and not 6-1 as announced yesterday.

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H.M.S. Serapis met the R.A.M.C. in the sixth match of the first round of the Services billiards tournament for the Ng Sze-kwong challenge cups at the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home last evening, and won handsomely by four games to one.

P. O. Hickey played a fine game and made several good breaks, one of 26 giving him a good lead on his opponent Sergeant Tidd.

The most enjoyable game to watch perhaps was that between C.P.O. Welch and Corporal Davies. For four-fifths of the game, the scores were practically equal, and it was only a fortunate ten on his last visit to the table that gave Welch the victory, leaving his opponent just ten behind.

One of the most pleasing features of the tournament is the fine sporting spirit in which the matches are being played, and it is encouraging to find the support the games are receiving from the ships and units from which the teams are drawn.

The results of last night's games are as follows:

H.M.S. Serapis.	
P. O. Hickey	150
C. P. O. Welch	150
S. B. A. Kearney	150
C. Stkr. Leclerc	150
P. O. Parker	113

R.A.M.C.

Sergeant Tidd	129
Corporal Davies	140
Private Taylor	86
Corporal Wieso	86
Private Davies	150

The next match is to be held on Wednesday evening between H.M.S. Suffolk and the Argylls and Sutherland Highlanders.

CRICKET.

ARMY TEAM FOR HOLIDAY MATCHES.

The following team has been selected to represent the Army against the Hongkong C.C. on Boxing Day, against the R. Navy on Dec. 28 and 29, and against Kowloon C.C. on Jan. 2 and 3: Capt. R. G. Moir D.S.O., M.C., (Capt.) (A. & S.H.), Capt. Gottwaltz (S.W.B.), Capt. G. E. Murrehouse (Gloster), Capt. O. M. Wales M.C. (S.W.B.), Lieut. A. H. Munn (R.A.), Lieut. A. M. Anstruther (R.E.), Lieut. J. K. Macfarlane (R.A.), Lieut. G. Wolf Barry (R.A.), 2/Lt. A. C. Hamilton (S.W.B.), Sigm. Williams (R.C. of Signals), Driv. Whitley (R.A.S.C.), Reserves: Bdr. Bryant (R.A.), Sgt. Patterson (R.A.M.C.), C.S.M. Macintosh (A. & S.H.), Umpire, S.M. Gomer (R.E.), Scorer, Lt. H. M. Davies (S.W.B.). Play commences 11 a.m. each day.

Small Units Knock Out.

The Royal Engineers will meet the Royal Corps of Signals at Sumpoo at 11 a.m. to-day, in the Small Units knock out competition final. The following team has been selected to represent the R.E.: Col. Skinner, Lt. Col. Marsden, Capt. Mitchell, Lieut. Anstruther, S. C. Jordan, Sgt. Buckle, Sgt. Savill, Cpl. Meekhan, L/C. Grovesnor, Spr. Holmes, Spr. Whitefield, Umpire, S. M. Gomer, Scorer, Cpl. Cottle.

R.E. & S. v. R.A.S.C.

At Sumpoo to-morrow, Wednesday, December 23, at 2 p.m., the following team will represent the R.E. & S. in the League second division:

Col. Skinner, Lt. Col. Marsden R.E., Lieut. Anstruther R.E., Lieut. Ewbank R.C.S., S. C. Jordan, Cpl. Meekhan, Cpl. Sanders, L/C. Higgins R.C.S., Spr. Holmes, Sigm. Williams, Sigm. Gillott, Umpire, S. M. Gomer, Scorer, Sigm. Burt.

LEAGUE WITHIN THE EMPIRE.

MR. BENNETT'S CLARION CALL TO ACTION.

Speaking at a dinner given at the May Fair Hotel in honour of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald said that he hoped most sincerely that during the Conference which is to be held in July in Ottawa, all Mr. Bennett's ideals would be fulfilled.

"As a result of that Conference," said Mr. MacDonald, "I hope that the Dominions and ourselves are knit in one splendid unity by new bonds of mutual co-operation."

Mr. Bennett, replying, said that the Canadian people were most desirous that there should be firmer and stronger bonds uniting the Empire. The political Empire had passed, and they would have to substitute for it another.

"There lies before us," he continued, "the greatest opportunity that ever came to free peoples to accomplish a great end. I feel confident from what I know of the people of these islands and of other parts of the Empire that we cannot fail."

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Means and methods must be found to accomplish that or they would perish, he continued. It was no good now to speak of concessions granted or restrictions imposed. That day had passed. He hoped and believed that the problems that had asserted themselves recently were problems which they unitedly would be able to bring to a successful end.

Referring to the first shipment of wheat to be sent from Hudson's Bay to the Old Country, the Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, High Commissioner for Canada, said that they had before them the first load of bread to be baked from that wheat.

"It is only a small quota of the wheat which Canada expects to be able to induce the people here to use," he said amid prolonged applause.

PRESS HOLIDAY.

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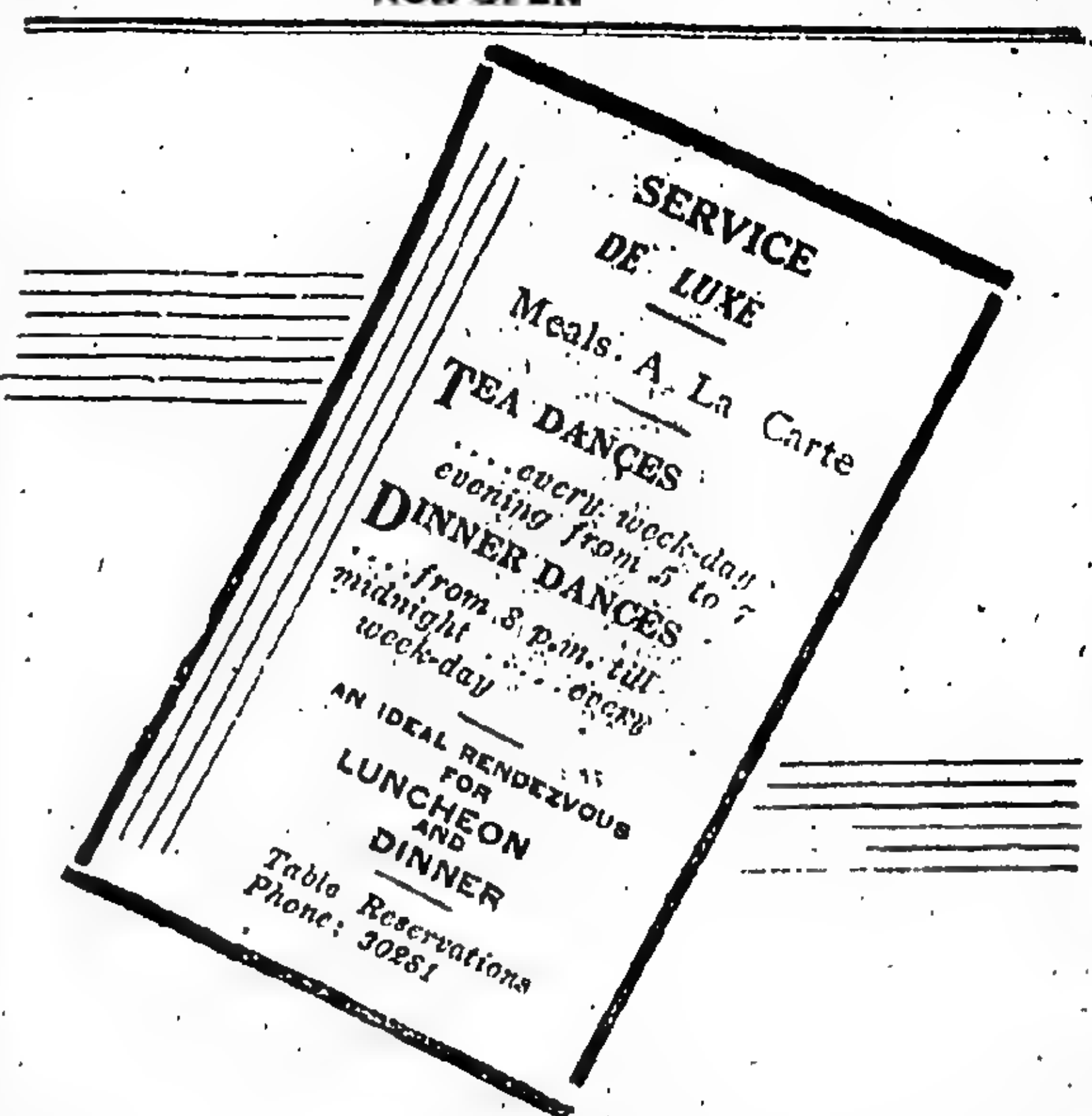
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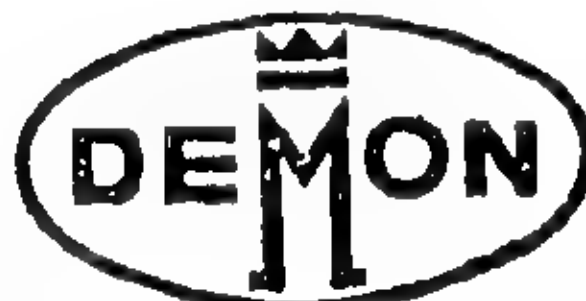
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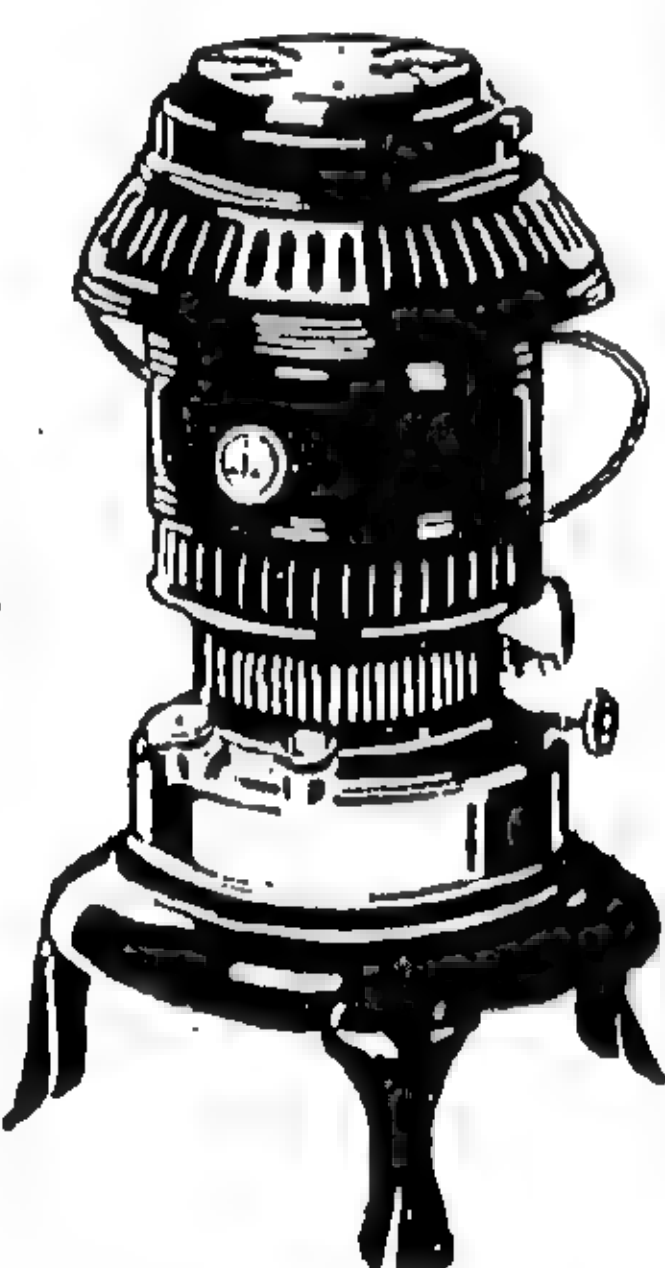
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PROBLEMS FOR THE
GOVERNMENT.

London, Nov. 28.
The Government's bread tax
proposals were almost the sole
topic of conversation in the House
of Commons yesterday.

For in spite of the fact that
the Government claims that its
plans are not a bread tax, and
that the money for the "enhanced
price" is to come from some
mysterious gold mine, few, even
of the Conservative M.P.s, really
believe it.

The claim is made that when the
full scheme is unfolded, it will be
found that the cost will be met by
greater efficiency in marketing and
in the working of the industry
generally.

The Government seems to have
decided that it can be done—and
is to consult now with the in-
dustry to find out how.

But even more important than
its immediate effect, is the ten-
dency which the proposal in-
dicates.

It is no longer open to doubt—
indeed, Tory members take it as
a matter of course—that the
Budget to be presented by Mr.
Neville Chamberlain in April will
include a General Tariff.

Food taxes had been "shied at"
by many, even by some of the
keenest Protectionists. Once the
wheat quota is passed, there will
be nothing between the Tories and
a General Tariff.

The fact that is puzzling M.P.s
of all parties is that the scheme
went through the Cabinet without
opposition. Even Lord Snowden,
seemingly, approved.

The explanation may lie in the
fact that the scheme, so far, is in
skeleton form only. The filling in
of the details may lead to dif-
ficulties.

The problem will be how to
avoid an increase in the price of
bread. One scheme which has
been put forward is that the sub-
sidy—there will be one, whether
it is so-called or not—should be
paid out of a "revenue tariff" on
foreign goods.

The compulsory quota of British
wheat will be at least 15 per cent,
this being likely to exhaust the
entire production of the country.

There will be an elaborate
system of certificates, with which
millers will be able to "trade."
The "enhanced price" which is
promised is to be something like
21 above the world price.

The Government's decision is
generally regarded in the Lobbies
as the greatest and most mo-
mentous political event since the
repeal of the Corn Laws.

Will the Government get
through without losses—if not of
Ministers—if supporters in the
House? It seems impossible.

It is understood that most
Liberals are at present inclined to
vote against the Government on
the wheat quota, and that a very
considerable number of Tories
who represent industrial constitu-
encies are greatly perturbed.

Although, by sheer weight of
numbers, the Government will
carry the day, its prestige must
suffer.

ENGLAND VERSUS
SCOTLAND.XMAS INTERNATIONAL
MATCH.

The following teams will rep-
resent England and Scotland in the
International Charity Cup Com-
petition on Christmas Day:—

England:—Fogwill (Club); Mar-
tin (Kowloon); Strange (Club);
Hedley (Kowloon); Shirras (Navy);
Bliss (Kowloon); Robertson
(Navy); Moss (Police); Howe
(Club); Rawson (Navy) and Skin-
ner (Navy).

Scotland:—Rodger (Club);
Blackburn (Argylls); Dixon
(Navy); Hny (Argylls); McKelvie
(Kowloon); Gordon (Argylls); Bell
(Club); Wyle (Argylls); Campbell
(Argylls); McTavish (Argylls);
Hughes (Argylls).

P. O. Dill will have charge of
the game, and the lineamen will
be R. P. O. Billing and R. P. O.
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The match will commence at
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estate duty is an item "Ministry of
Labour, one week's unemployment
benefit to June 17, 1931, £1.0s.

CINEMA SCREENINGS.

NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE
THEATRES.

"The Ghost Train" which is now
showing at the Queen's Theatre, has
been such a success on the stage and
as a silent film that there can be no
doubt that it is sure of another long
run in its talkie version. Large
London audiences acclaimed the new
picture with loud applause, and
patrons of the Queen's have received
it heartily. It is a story admirably
suited to screen presentation, having
an abundance of thrills which depend
upon sound effects, and the Gains-
borough production has made the
most of these opportunities. The
curious atmosphere of a supposedly
haunted and very lonely wayside
station has been vividly recreated in
the film, with often startling realism,
for the producers were fortunate in
securing the ready co-operation of the
G. W. R. in staging the railway scenes.
Drama and comedy and creepy thrills
are provided in abundance, for the
acting matches the fine direction.
There are brilliant performances by
Jack Hulbert and Cicely Courtneidge,
and a first-rate character study is
contributed by Donald Crisp. The
headlong crash of the train from the
open bridge into the river is a great
spectacular climax to a splendid pro-
duction.

"Africa Speaks."
In Africa women are considered as
property, and are sold and traded as
such. Girls are usually placed on the
market when at the marriageable age,
which is from twelve to sixteen years.
So says Paul L. Hoffer, noted ex-
plorer, who recently made a remark-
able trek across the dark continent
armed with a motion picture camera
and sound equipment. The results of
Hoffer's efforts are shown in "Africa
Speaks," which has its final showings
at the Central Theatre to-day.

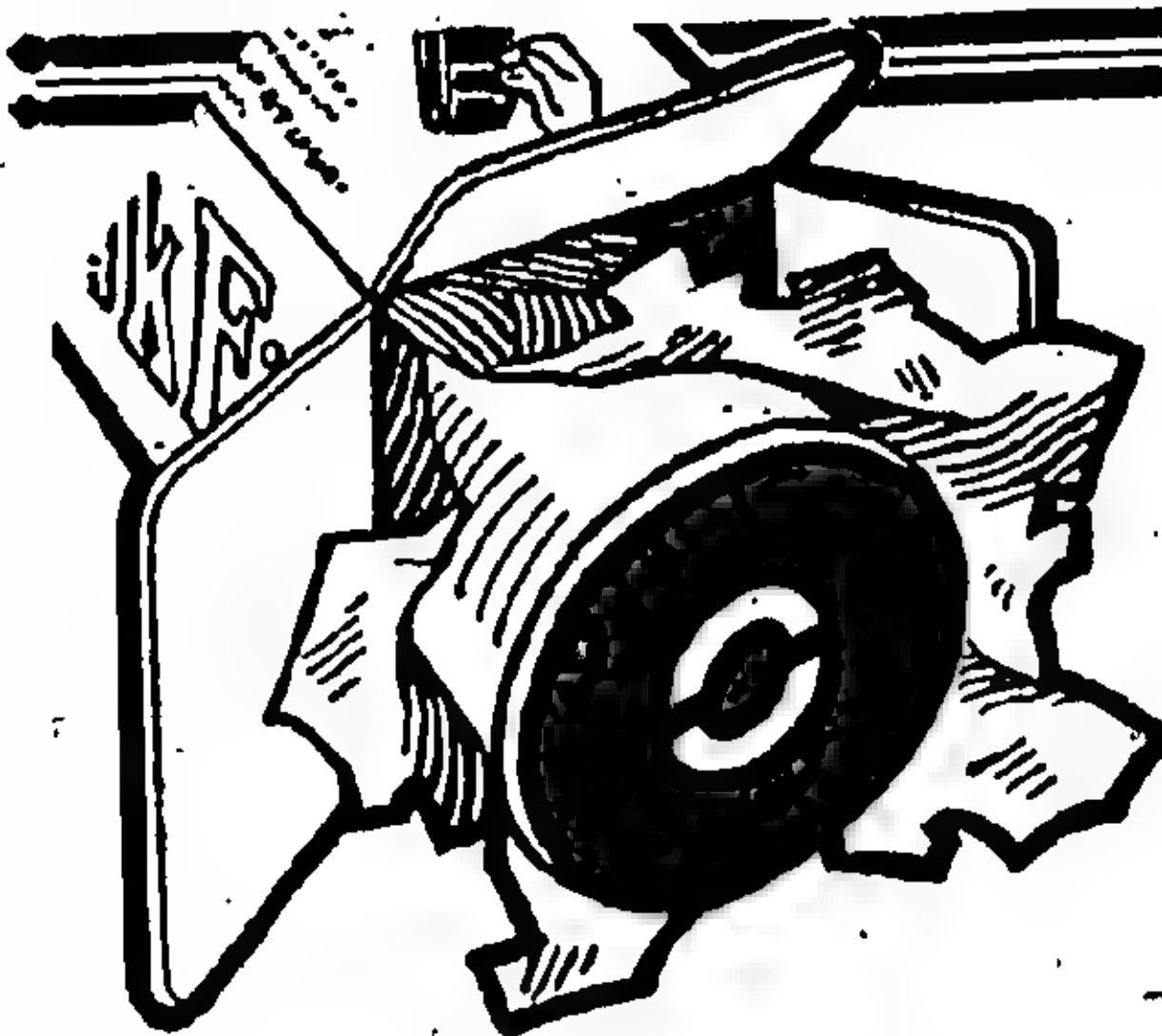
"The Girl Habit."
Charlie Ruggles, the droll but
cherubic-looking comedian of "Young
Man of Manhattan," "Her Wedding
Night" and other successful talkies,
is to be seen soon again at the King's
Theatre in his first starring picture,
"The Girl Habit." In this picture,
which was made at Paramount's New
York studio, Ruggles is definitely
launched by his sponsors into a career
of stardom which will carry him to
the forefront of screen personages.

Ruggles has well-merited the dis-
tinction of stardom. His career has
been featured by hard work and
pains-taking care. At a youthful age
he began his stage career in San
Francisco. It was not long before he
was starring in musicals in New York
and on the road. Among his biggest
successes were "Battling Butler" and
"Queen High."

In the days of silent pictures Rug-
gles appeared with such stars as
Leatrice Ulrich, Elsie Janis and Cyril
Maude. When he played the part of
the drunken reporter in "Gentlemen
of the Press"—his first talkie, Ruggles
won the favour of film audiences
everywhere. Another distinctive
characterization followed in "The
Lady Lies" in which he portrayed
the bored but beneficent bachelor. He
was placed on a long term contract as
a result of this splendid work, and
two great imperfections followed in
"Roughhouse Nights" and "Honour
Among Lovers."

In "The Girl Habit," which is out-
and-out farce with one laugh
tumbling quickly on the trail-
ing giggles of its predecessor,
Ruggles is seen in a characteriza-
tion which allows him full play for his
ready talents. He is the wealthy
young bachelor, engaged to a society
girl (Sue Conroy). The fact that
Charlie is so nice to every girl he
meets makes it difficult to keep the
engagement from dissolution. Among
the girls who alienate Charlie's way-
ward affection is Tamara Geva, the
famous dancer of "Three's A Crowd,"
who here makes her first appearance
in the talkies. Donald Meek, a
favourite character actor of silent
screen, plays the part of Charlie's
man-servant. The pompous mother-
in-law, to be enacted by Margaret
Dunham—who was last seen as the
bedevilled hostess for the "Animal
Crackers" and "Cocanuts" Marx
Brothers.

"Sporting Blood."
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Post" story, "Horseflesh," will open
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of the sport of racing, expose of
crooked racing and gambling, are all
woven into a vivid human interest
story in which the romance of a
gambler and a feminine follower of
the races is told. There is a note of
regeneration, too, in the human story
of two people who, in rehabilitating a
broken-down racehorse, find regenera-
tion for themselves.

Charles Brabin, noted for "The
Bridge of San Luis Rey" and other
screen hits, directed the story, in
which many deft human touches are
interspersed with the thrills of the
Kentucky Derby, the glamour of
Churchill Downs, and the inner secrets
of racetrack manipulation. Much of
the picture was filmed at racetracks
and Kentucky training farms, and many
famous racehorses and jockeys ap-
pear together with the notable cast
assembled for the picture.

Clark Gable, who scored in "A Free
Soul" and other hits, and Madge

Evans, heroine of "Son of India" play
the two principal roles and Ernest
Torrence, Lew Cody, Marie Prevost,
Harry Holman, Hallam Cooley, J.
Farrel McDonald and others are
among the players. Among the
dramatic thrills are the Derby, the
dramatic moment when Miss Evans
foils the plot of the crooked jockey,
the thunderstorm at the horse farm
and the great gambling hall scene.

"Daddy Long Legs."

A real cinematic gem is "Daddy
Long Legs," Fox romance based on
the famous Jean Webster play with
Janet Gaynor and Warner Baxter
co-starring, which is now showing at
the King's Theatre.

This reviewer heartily applauds
the sentiment of the unknown specta-
tor who left the theatre last evening,
murmuring to her companion: "Now,
that's what I call a real picture,
Bessie, why don't they give us more
like that?"

"Daddy Long Legs" is ideal enter-
tainment. A great human story, a
genuinely outstanding cast headed by
two of the most popular players on
the screen, and the other attributes
of flawless direction and splendid
settings serve to make the picture a

real event in local screen circles.
The choice of Janet Gaynor and
Warner Baxter for the leading roles
is a particularly happy one. "Judy
Abbott" in her progress from ging-
ham and pigtails to chiffon and perma-
nents is an absolutely ideal part for
the wistful charm of Janet Gaynor.

Had Jean Webster written the play
especially for her, it could not have
been better suited to Miss Gaynor's
talents. Baxter likewise is a perfect
choice for the suave, cynical, but
lonely bachelor who is greatly sur-
prised to find himself falling in love
with his ward, and his handling of
the part is a personal triumph.

Una Merkel scores another hit as
Miss Gaynor's delightfully erratic
room-mate and young John Arledge,
a new film find, turns in a highly
promising portrayal of Baxter's rival,
Claude Gillingwater. Sr., Kathryn
Williams, Louise Closser Hale,
Elizabeth Patterson, Sheila Mannors
and Effie Ellender have the other chief
roles, and handle them beautifully.

Alfred Santell's direction is smooth
and effective throughout; in fact,
there is little in the way of criticism
that can be adduced. By all means,
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ARREST ON STEAMER.

BIGAMY CHARGE AGAINST EUROPEAN.

A European named Norman Nelson Klerkup, who travelled from England on board the P. and O. Karmala, was arrested by the Singapore Detective Branch on the vessel's arrival at Singapore. The arrest was executed by Mr. E. Tongue, Head of the Detective Branch, Singapore, who boarded the vessel armed with a warrant from Scotland Yard. Klerkup is alleged to have committed bigamy and to have obtained money under false pretences. He was produced before the Criminal District Judge, Mr. G. C. Dodd, when his name was given as Dr. Norman Nelson Klerkup, a surgeon.

It appears that information stating the allegations was cabled to Singapore by the Secretary of State for the Colonies and Scotland Yard, the accused being alleged to have committed a bigamous marriage about a month before his departure from London. He travelled out with a woman, it is said, and was on his way to British North Borneo to take up a Government appointment.

Mr. V. D. Knowles appeared for the prisoner and made an application for bail, stating that Dr. Klerkup was anxious to go back to England and meet the charges against him. Bail was fixed in the sum of \$1,000, the accused depositing cash.

He will remain in Singapore pending the arrival of an escort from Scotland Yard.

JAPAN AND FRANCE.

FRENCH MINISTER DENIES PLOT.

The French Minister to China has sent a communique to Mr. Wang Ching-wei informing him that the newspaper accounts reporting French military movements on the Kwangsi frontier are entirely groundless as the French Government has at no time ever entertained the slightest intention of extending its influence to Kwangsi, according to the *Wah Kiu Yat Po*.

The French Minister asks the Kuomintang leader to communicate with the Canton newspapers and the Kwangsi military and civil administrators and convey to them the attitude of the French Government. Mr. Wang Ching-wei has sent a Chinese translation of this letter to General Li Chung-yeu.

The tension on the Kwangsi frontier, it will be recalled, was first reported from Canton and led to the issue of a Government order to send troops to Kwangsi. In informed circles this was regarded as an attempt to get rid of some troops by sending them to a remote part of the province.

RETURNED STUDENTS.

ANNUAL MEETING OF LOCAL ORGANISATION.

At the annual meeting of the Euro-America Returned Students Union, held at the office of Mr. M. K. Lo last evening, the following were elected to serve for 1932:

Chairman, Professor S. Y. Wong; Hon. Sec., Mr. Horace Lo; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. R. Lee; Committee, Messrs. K. L. Chow, Y. K. Kwan, Chung Lee and M. K. Lo.

THE REPARATIONS TANGLE.

FORECAST OF EXPERTS' REPORT.

London, Dec. 21.

A moratorium is likely to be recommended for Germany for the conditional reparation annuities payments, according to reports of the progress of the Young Plan Advisory Committee at Basle.

Although the report has not yet been completed, it is believed that the majority of members of the committee, including the British representative, favour a two years' moratorium for the postponable annuities.

They are strongly opposed, however, by the French, who hold the opinion that in spite of Germany's present critical condition such a long respite is unnecessary.—*Reuter*.

Treasury Official Returns From Paris.

London, Dec. 21.

Sir Frederick Lewis Ross, of the British Treasury, is returning to London to-day after conversations at Paris with the French Treasury on the financial situation, and in particular the problems raised by the forthcoming financial conference of Governments.

The conversations will be continued after the Basle committee has presented its report, with the object of facilitating the work of the financial conference, which it is now generally expected will be held in the middle of January.

Although nothing has been fixed, the newspapers suggest that the Hague might be considered as the most acceptable meeting place.—*British Wireless*.

HIGH PRICES FOR KOWLOON LAND.

THREE BUILDING LOTS SOLD YESTERDAY.

Evidence of the growing popularity of the Waterloo and Prince Edward Roads district for residential purposes was given at the Public Works Department sale of Crown Land yesterday, when three lots in that vicinity were offered for auction. Two of the lots were of 20,000 square feet, the building covenant requiring \$25,000 to be spent in each case on the erection of a detached or semi-detached house of European type.

The two lots, which are adjacent to Waterloo Road, had an upset price of \$15,000. One was secured by Mr. Hoi Ka-ling and Mrs. Fung Wai-fong, of 253 Queen's Road Central for \$20,100 and the other by Messrs. Wong Kam-pui and Lee Ju-chung of 30 Wyndham Street, for \$20,000. The third lot, of about 10,000 square feet had an upset price of \$7,500 and was obtained by Messrs. Chan Sung-ting and Kwong Chung-yu of 121, Jervois Street for \$13,000.

It is interesting for the purposes of comparison, to see how rapidly prices are advancing in this district. The prices paid yesterday represent a value of \$1 to \$1.30 a square foot, which is a big advance on the price paid for the huge area in the same district a month ago by the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Company. That price was 24.5 cents a square foot.

AN ANNUAL BAZAAR.

DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL FUNCTION A SUCCESS.

The Diocesan Girls' School held their Annual Bazaar on Saturday and the Headmistress and pupils wish to thank all those who helped to make it such an unqualified success. Especially, they offer very sincere thanks to all the parents whose loyal co-operation and generosity were most marked and much appreciated by the Headmistress. The Members of St. Andrew's Church and St. Andrew's Mothers' Union, The St. Andrew's Boy Scouts Troop, The Girl Guides (2nd and 3rd Kowloon Companies), The Sincere Company, Der A Wing, The Pioneer Silk Store, The Bombay Silk Store, The Colonial Dispensary, Messrs. Loxley and Company, The Dairy Farm Company, The Cafe Pavilion, Nestle Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co., The Kowloon Confectionery, The Blue Bird, The Star Store, The South China Cafe, Mr. Ho Kwong, Mr. Chan Tin-sun, Mr. Bush, Miss Kacker, Mrs. C. H. Dunlop, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Alhum Poon, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Tillery, Mrs. Goodwin, Mrs. and Miss Stone, Miss Cooper.

Up to date the amount handed in from the above sale is \$1,600 of which \$100 will be given to the Victoria Home, \$100 to Dr. Bernado's Home, \$100 to give a meal to poor children. It has been decided to put the rest of the money to the School Funds, which have suffered considerably owing to the fluctuation in exchange.

A NATIVITY PLAY.

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Simple yet artistic in its treatment, aesthetic yet glowingly alive with the reverence and fervour impregnating its every line and act, the Nativity Play produced by the German community at the Helena May Institute last evening inspired a large audience of several nationalities.

The theme is familiar, but in the hands of the capable band of performers it acquired a new significance and understanding. The poignancy of a birth in poverty, the faith of the Shepherds and the Mission of the Three Wise Men, all these details were portrayed with restraint and feeling and an impressiveness to which the musical interpolations of the players and chorus contributed. The play was acted in the German language, but it hardly required interpretation. All the players acquitted themselves with credit.

The chief performers were, Miss Thimney as Mary, Mr. Sauerbeck as Joseph, Mr. Jensen as the Herald, Messrs. Sander, Schulz, Foraita, and Michel as the Shepherds, and Messrs. May, Melchers and Sporleder as the Three Kings.

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SIK YUE CLUB CASE.

There was a sensational development before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon in the case in which Detective Sergeant Douglas Fitches and five Chinese detectives were summoned in connection with the recent raid at the Sik Yue Club when a number of the members were arrested and accused of gambling.

The complainants in the present proceedings failed to make an appearance yesterday nor were they represented by their solicitor Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton who has retained Mr. F. Jenkin to prosecute in the summonses, all of which were accordingly dismissed. Detective Sergeant Fitches and the five Chinese detectives were all summoned for assault by handcuffing and also by searching the complainants during the raid while Sergeant Fitches was alleged to have assaulted three of the members by having taken their finger prints. The Chinese detectives were accused of larceny of a sum of money from certain of the complainants and Sergeant Fitches was alleged to have aided and abetted the commission of the theft.

When the Magistrate arrived in Court yesterday Mr. Eldon Potter (instructed by Mr. E. Davidson) was present with Mr. Davidson while Mr. C. G. Perdue and Mr. T. Murphy (Assistant Superintendents of Police) watched the proceedings in the interests of the Police.

When the names of the complainants were called there was no response, the defendants, however, all being present.

Position Explained.

Mr. Potter: May it please your Worship: We have received a letter from Messrs. G. K. Hall Brutton which explains, probably, the present position. I don't know whether your Worship has actually seen it or whether you would like me to read it in Court. His Worship replied that he had that morning received a copy of the letter.

Mr. Potter: The letter is addressed to Messrs. Hastings, Dennis and Bowley and is headed "Rex by Mak Fan and others against D. Fitches and others" and says:

"Dear Sirs,
Although they desire to do so there does not appear to be any provision in the Magistrates' Ordinance whereby the complainants can withdraw these summonses. By that Ordinance the procedure seems to be for the complainants not to appear and this is the course they propose to adopt. We accordingly beg to inform you that the complainants do not propose to appear to-day, the 21st inst. at 2.30 p.m., the time fixed for the hearing."

The only thing for me to say is to ask your Worship to dismiss the summonses. I should like to address your Worship however. I want to make it absolutely clear, beyond all possible doubt that the defendants in this case are not parties to the present position. They have not by word or by act induced or attempted to induce these complainants from going on with their prosecution and, your Worship, that is true of every officer of the Force from the Inspector General down. On the contrary they have desired that these charges should be investigated in as full a manner as possible.

GEMS OF PERIL.

(Continued from Page 3.)

"Ah, Bowen, the woman-killer!"

Mary said: "You're funny. What're you doing it for—to cheer me up?"

"You did look kinda dithery. Don't know what dithery is? Well, no matter. Bigger things on foot." Turning serious abruptly, he lowered his voice discreetly. "Listen. Remember when your brother was hurt, his talking about a fly?"

Mary nodded. "Well, it kinda stuck in my mind. Thinks I, I'll hie myself out to the race-track some sunny afternoon and nose around. You know what? There's a race-track gambler hanging around Jamaica that everybody calls 'The Fly.'"

"Do you suppose it could be—?" He threw out his hands and shrugged. "I haven't found anybody yet that's seen him with your brother. But they all know Eddie down there. Sooner or later I'll find out what the tie-up was. Anyhow, it's a tip."

"Did you see him?"

"No, and that's a funny thing. Nobody's seen him for a couple of weeks."

Mary calculated rapidly. "It was—two weeks ago to-morrow night—"

Bowen nodded. "Correct." Excitement kindled flames in the girl's cheeks and brought stars to her eyes.

"Oh, if it should be—!" She clasped both his hands with her own and gave them a glad squeeze. "If you help me to clear up all this—trouble, I'll—I'll—I don't know what I'll do!"

"Hold it, hold it!" chided the other. "I've got a weak heart. Besides, we haven't got to first name yet in the matter of evidence."

"But we will! Oh, I knew all along there was something back of this." Her face clouded again at the recollection of her recent interview with Kane. "Maybe he'll do something about it now!"

Bowen observed her bitterness, and guessed its cause.

"Listen," he told her sternly. "All I ask is—don't say a word about this to Kane."

Curiously prompted her to ask his reason.

"Well, more than one reason." They drew back while the murderous-looking waiter served their food—huge plates heaped with steaming spaghetti and meat balls. Bowen jerked a thumb

after the waiter's retreating back. "Two years out of Sing Sing—!" He's got to stay where the police can keep an eye on him or go back to stir. Good guy. He wouldn't cut your throat for less than a dime."

As Mary surveyed her plate distrustfully, he added "Go ahead. Eat your lunch. Poison's not his line. But as I was saying, if we find the guy that killed your brother, I want the story—I don't want the other papers to get it. And another reason is, if the Fly is the man I think he is, it'll take more than Pretty Jim Kane to bring him in."

(To be Continued.)

able. They had hoped to have had an opportunity of testing the case for the prosecution by cross examination and they would themselves have equally submitted to cross-examination by going into the witness box on their own behalf.

I desire to say on their behalf

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The only thing I now can say and that is there is absolutely no shadow of truth or foundation in any of these charges and, I think, under the peculiar circumstances of this case, it is highly desirable that the position of the Police should be made quite clear.

His Worship dismissed all summonses, the hearing for which night afterwards had been provisionally reserved.

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Later in the morning, the local dollar dropped a farthing, the demand rate being 1s. 5.5/16d. This step followed generally easier conditions on the market.

Prices are unchanged in London, but silver has dropped a quarter in New York, from 31 1/4 to 31. Futures are also down.

There was no special feature on the London market yesterday. Small business was reported after the market had opened quietly steady. Later, the market ruled very quiet, with America inclined to sell.

The cross-rate has improved to 39 3/4. The Shanghai rates were 2s. 0 1/2d. and 2s. 0 13/16d., with the market easier, at the opening.

TRADING JUNK PIRATED.

CARGO WORTH \$340 CARRIED OFF.

A report has reached the police of a piracy in Chinese waters concerning a local trading junk, No. 5079, of 87 piculs capacity, trading at small Chinese coastal ports in the vicinity of Hongkong.

Bound for Sumat, the junk yesterday morning passed Futuamun when it was overtaken by six men in a sampan. Armed with chop-pers, these men came aboard and forced the crew to sail their craft to Taishuwan, in the Salikung district.

Here cargo was landed from the captured vessel, consisting of 18 sacks of sugar and six bundles of medicine root. The value of the merchandise is placed at \$340. Personal effects belonging to the crew, and valued at \$20, were also taken by the robbers, who later released the crew and allowed them to return with their junk to Hongkong.

BRITISH BANTAM CHAMPION.

DICK CORBETT BEATS JOHNNY KING.

London, Dec. 21. At Manchester to-night, in a fifteen rounds contest for the British bantamweight championship title and a Lonsdale Belt, Dick Corbett (Bethnal Green) defeated Johnny King (Manchester) on points.—*Reuter*.

U.S. CHINESE STRIKE AT JAPAN.



Chinese in America are not sitting idly by during the squabble over Manchuria, as the pictures above show. At the top is a window at Chinese Nationalist Party headquarters for North and South America in San Francisco's Chinatown. It shows Japan, pictured as the devil, chopping down the Chinese flag. The posters shown on the sides call upon American Chinese to boycott Japanese goods. In the lower picture, a Chinese-American youth is shown taking the examination required of the 10,000 Chinese pilots sought in the United States. It is planned to train them in America and send them to China as combat pilots.

UNITED STATES AND DISARMAMENT.

HALF MILLION FOR COSTS OF DELEGATION

Washington, Dec. 21. President Hoover has asked Congress to initial an appropriation of \$450,000 towards the expenses of the American delegation to the Disarmament Conference.—*Reuter*.

STEAMER DELAYED.

TERUKUNI MARU DUE TO-NIGHT.

The N. Y. K. Terukuni Maru, from London, which was expected to arrive here late this afternoon, has been delayed a few hours. According to a wireless message from the Captain, she will arrive at Hongkong at 9 o'clock to-night, and

KOWLOON Y.M.C.A. THEFT.

SOLDIER CHARGED THIS MORNING.

Private Arthur Price, of the South Wales Borderers, was brought before Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on charges of theft of a dinner suit, a pair of boots and a necktie, the property of Mr. T. A. Ellis, from the European Y.M.C.A. Kowloon, between 14th and 20th December, and of unlawfully pawning the property.

Inspector Elston, who prosecuted, applied for a remand of 24 hours for further enquiries.

His Worship granted the application and adjourned the case until to-morrow morning.

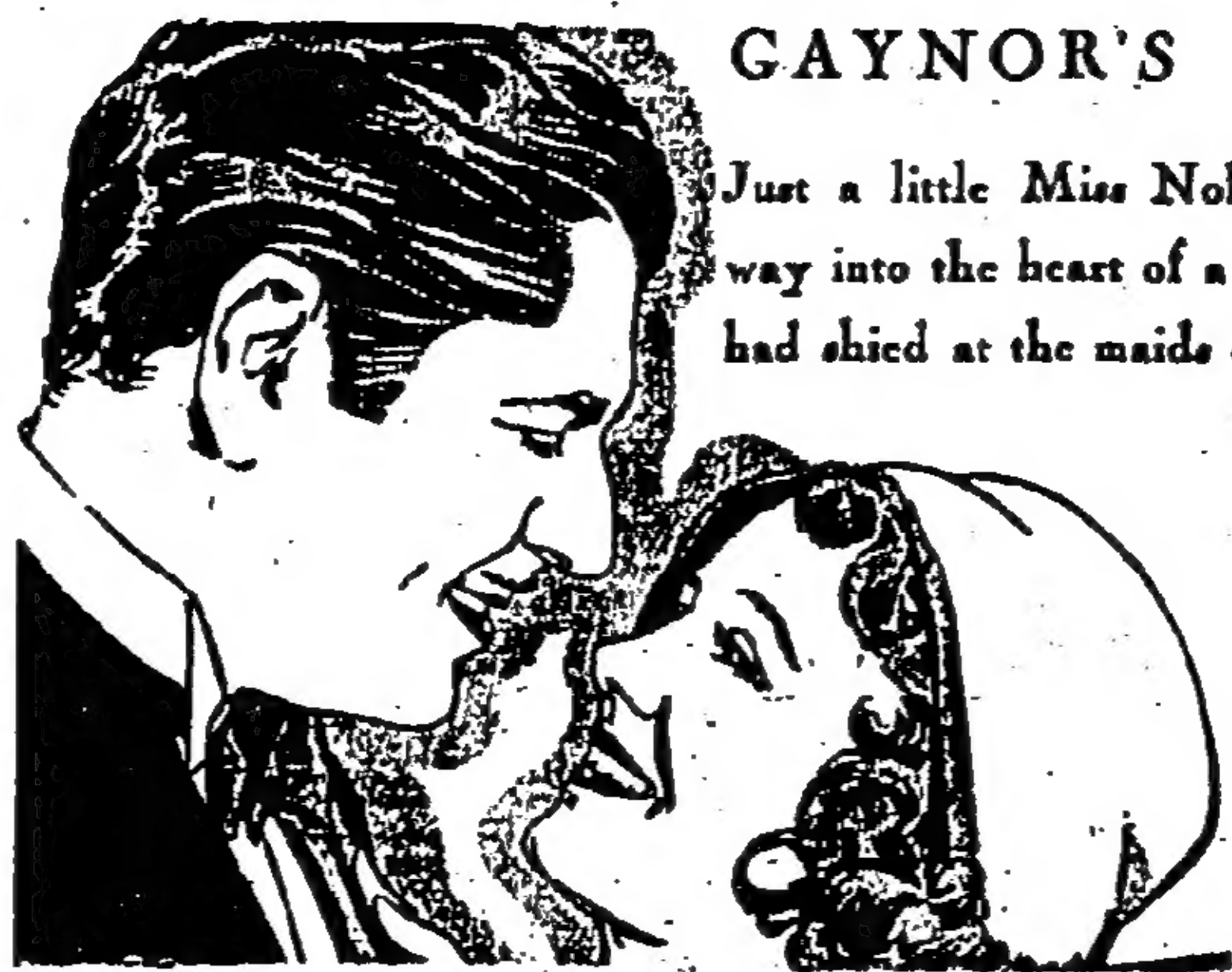
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Then, when rescuing a comrade in the blazing mine, he was badly injured and taken to the old infirmary.

Mary had been promised a gift by her father on the day of the explosion, and when her mother visited her the next day the girl's first question was "Where is Daddy?"

The mother evaded the question, but Mary then asked for the gift her father had promised her.

"Mrs. Kirkland did her best to find out from Mary what the gift was to be, but the girl only replied, 'You will see when Daddy comes with it.'"

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GERMANY'S LIABILITIES TO LONDON.

It has been officially ascertained that the total amount of London credit facilities held at the disposal of Germany by London banks and Accepting Houses under the "Standstill" agreement at the end of October was \$55,000,000, and that approximately half of this amount was based on documents necessitating definite proof of shipment of goods.

This official statement of Germany's short-term liabilities to London is well under general estimates. The fact that nearly half of these credits were granted to finance current trade, disposed of fantastic allegations made at the time of the General Election that London financial houses had made easy-going loans to German houses without security.

"Daddy" never came, and Mary died without receiving the promised gift. Her death was kept from her father, who died on Nov. 27.